



Kyra Nezami

Called: 2017

Practice

Kyra joined 11 South Square as a tenant in October 2019 following the successful completion of pupillage.

Kyra's academic background is in law and computing science. She studied law as an undergraduate and specialised in Intellectual Property Law during her LLM before following her interest in computing to obtain an MSc in Computing Science.

During pupillage, Kyra's pupil supervisors were: Brian Nicholson QC, Anna Edwards-Stuart, Tom Alkin and Chris Aikens. She was involved in several major patent, trade mark, passing off, design and confidential information cases including hearings and/or trials before the IPO, IPEC and High Court.

Education and Qualifications

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| 2019 | Tenancy at 11 South Square |
| 2018 - 2019 | Pupillage at 11 South Square |
| 2017 - 2018 | MSc in Computing Science (with Distinction), Imperial College London |
| 2017 | Called to the Bar, Gray's Inn |
| 2016 - 2017 | Bar Professional Training Course, University of Law |
| 2016 | LLM in Intellectual Property Law (with Distinction), UCL <i>GlaxoSmithKline Prize for Excellence in Patents and Trade Secrets</i> |
| 2015 | LLB in Laws, London School of Economics |

Significant recent & reported cases

Planetart v Photobox Free Prints [\[2020\] EWHC 713 \(Ch\)](#)

The parties operated competing mobile apps offering online photo printing. The claimant's app was called 'FreePrints'. The defendant's app was called 'Photobox Free Prints'. Both provided a monthly allowance of free prints. The claimant alleged passing off and infringement of a trade mark for their app icon. The passing off claim was dismissed. The claim for trade mark infringement succeeded in relation to the defendant's app icon but was dismissed otherwise. The case raised interesting questions about the protectability of descriptive phrases.

Selection of cases observed during pupillage***Garmin v Philips*** [\[2019\] EWHC 107 \(Ch\)](#)

Trial concerning patent validity, including attacks based on excluded subject matter and collocation of features, and infringement. Assisted Brian Nicholson QC and Chris Hall, acting for Philips.

TQ Delta v ZyXEL [\[2019\] EWHC 562 \(Ch\)](#)

Trial concerning patent validity and essentiality to DSL standards. Assisted Iain Purvis QC, Brian Nicholson QC and David Ivison, acting for ZyXEL.

GSK v Sandoz and Vectura (High Court – decision pending)

Trial of claim for passing off through get-up, including a claim to passing off by equivalence. Assisted Iain Purvis QC and Anna Edwards-Stuart, acting for Vectura.

Prosyscor v Netsweeper [\[2019\] EWHC 1302 \(IPEC\)](#)

Trial concerning patent entitlement and confidential information. Assisted Hugo Cuddigan QC and Chris Aikens, acting for Netsweeper.

PlanetArt v Photobox

Passing off action. Assisted Tom Alkin, acting for Photobox, in response to an interim injunction application ([2019] EWHC 1688 (Ch)) and subsequently an application to introduce survey evidence.

Quinn Packaging v Linpac Packaging and Faerch Plast [\[2019\] EWHC 2119 \(IPEC\)](#)

Trial concerning patent validity, raising issues of extension of the scope of protection, loss of priority and obviousness. Assisted Anna Edwards-Stuart and David Ivison, acting for Quinn.