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“To boldly reform IP dispute resolution: Experience in the IP Enterprise Court”

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The Hon. Mr Justice Birss

Judge of the High Court of England
and Wales

Between 2010 and 2013 a series of reforms took place in the Patents County Court in London which led to the foundation of the Intellectual Property Enterprise Court. The reforms were a radical attempt to improve access to justice in intellectual property cases. A particular focus was on disputes involving smaller and medium sized enterprises.

Colin Birss was appointed as a judge in 2010 to take charge of the court and implement the reforms. Today the Intellectual Property Enterprise Court is a success.

In his lecture the judge will share his experiences of the court – addressing the nature of the reforms, how they worked in practice, and what lessons can be learned from them.

Sir Colin Birss graduated from Downing College, Cambridge in 1986 with a degree in Metallurgy and Materials Science. After two years working as a computer programmer he studied Law at City University, London. He was called to the English Bar in 1990, was appointed Standing Counsel for the Comptroller General of Patents, Trade Marks and Designs 2003-2008, and took silk in 2008.

In 2010 he left the Bar to become the new judge of the Patents County Court and Chairman of the UK Copyright Tribunal. In 2013 he was appointed to the High Court and sits in the Chancery Division. As a judge of that division he is also a chairman of the Competition Appeal Tribunal. He is one of the judges nominated to sit in the Patents Court.



Sir Colin Birss

SYDNEY

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