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How the Patent System Works

The Rt. Hon. Professor Sir Robin Jacob
UCL Faculty of Law

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Venue: HKUST Business School Central

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ABSTRACT

To many (maybe most) scientists and engineers the patent system can be a daunting thing. Unlike the laws of nature it is a man-made, man-operated thing. It is complex both substantively and procedurally. And if non-lawyer scientists and engineers do not know the basics of the system they are likely to miss out on its potential or fall victims to others who do.

In this lecture The Rt. Hon. Professor Sir Robin Jacob will aim to give the audience a basic understanding of how it all works without descending into complex legal detail. The intention is help members of the audience know when to ask a patent expert and how to relate to them.

The seminar would be hosted by the Honourable Andrew Liao Cheung-sing, GBS, SC, JP, Council Chairman. Professor Tony F Chan, the President will also join the discussion session.

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ABOUT THE SPEAKER



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The Rt. Hon. Professor Sir Robin Jacob joined the UCL Faculty of Laws in May 2011 leaving the Court of Appeal of England and Wales to do so. Having read Natural Sciences at Cambridge, Sir Robin then read for the Bar (Grays Inn). He started practice at the Intellectual Property Bar in 1967. From 1976 to 1981 he was the Junior Counsel for the Comptroller of Patents and for all Government departments in intellectual property.

He was made a Queen's Counsel in 1981. His practice took him abroad often (Hong Kong, Singapore, Europe, USA, and Australia). He was appointed a High Court Judge (Chancery Division) in 1993.

From 1997 to 2001 he was Supervising Chancery Judge for Birmingham, Bristol and Cardiff. He was appointed a Lord Justice of Appeal in October 2003. He was Treasurer of Grays Inn in 2007. He sat from time to time in the Court of Appeal until the cut-off date in April 2016. He is Chairman of the European Intellectual Property Judges' Association and Chairman of the Advisory committee on the appointment and training of judges for the forthcoming Unified Patent Court in Europe. He acts as an arbitrator or mediator as well as an advisor on IP matters.

He has written extensively on all forms of intellectual property. He often lectures, mainly but not only on IP topics, both in the UK and abroad.

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