TEACHING OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

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I mention only teaching in which substantial emphasis is placed on aspects of industrial property—not courses in which it plays a minor role (for instance, on personal property or competition law).

TEACHING TO LAW STUDENTS (LL.B., LL.M., B.A.(Law), etc.)

(a) In no British university is there a mandatory course on industrial property.

(b) At undergraduate level, a full-year optional course in the subject is offered at Southampton University. Half-unit options involving aspects of the subject have recently been offered at some universities (e.g., Kent and Warwick). It is possible that Manchester, Exeter, Cambridge and other universities and polytechnics will begin to teach the subject in some form in the near future.

(c) At graduate level (examination degree) the subject is one full-year option available in the LL.M. degree at London University.

TEACHING TO THOSE PROFESSIONALLY OR OTHERWISE INTERESTED

(a) Courses are provided in a number of polytechnics (e.g. City of London, Polytechnic of Central London) to those wishing to enter the professions of patent or trademark agent. It is likely that more extensive courses aimed primarily at such people will soon be established at Queen Mary College, University of London.

As part of a programme of further education in business studies, the City University has mounted a regular series of courses on different aspects of the subject.

Occasionally university departments have been responsible for short courses on particular aspects of the subject.