

Horizon Scanner – Intellectual Property

Generative AI and IP

Recently litigation against the creators of AI content generation tools may provide additional certainty about the legality of this technology.



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Bad faith and Trade Mark Law

An important Supreme Court decision in the *Sky v Skykick* dispute concerning bad faith in trade mark law is due to be decided later this year, with significant implications for trade mark strategies.



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EU Design Reforms

The revision of the EU Design Directive will simplify and harmonise the process for obtaining a design and provide a new exception allowing the reproduction of a design to repair a complex product.



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Unified Patent Court commences

The Unified Patent Court will offer users of the European patent system a new option for patent protection and for the settlement of patent disputes across Europe.



Retained EU Law Bill

The Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill aims to "make it easier to amend, repeal or replace EU law retained on the UK statute book to reduce regulatory burdens and costs on UK businesses".



Review of Exhaustion rules

The UK IPO plans to make a policy announcement about potential changes to the UK's IP exhaustion regime shortly. Resulting changes may not however be implemented for several years.