



Welcome to our July Ewire

We like to keep you up to date with ideas and information that will help you gain the maximum advantage from working with us.

Our *Ewires* will be sent to you regularly to keep you in touch with the latest legal news and we hope you will find these bulletins interesting.

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We operate a responsible email policy at Silverman Sherliker LLP Solicitors, so if you do not wish to receive further copies of our *Ewire*, please [click here](#) to unsubscribe.

In addition, there is an invitation to our upcoming employment law seminar and details about Information and Consultation of Employee Regulations.

In this edition, we find out about Lego's battles with trademarks and learn about the importance of providing financial information when divorcing. We also look into a case involving Sofaworks Ltd and The Sofa Workshop Limited and explain why it is important for a solicitor to draft a will and what can go wrong if an unregulated company is used, as well as celebrate Jennie Kreser's Share Radio interview.



Child's play: Lego graduates from kindergarten to courtroom

There is a move afoot to introduce an understanding of the value of intellectual property to children in the classroom so that as they grow up they



will more readily recognise the potential of any invention or creative process and know how to protect them. It may well be that a fascinating recent decision of the General Court of the European Union will result in the learning process starting in the kindergarten, as Jonathan Silverman explains.

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When 'resolution is the best option'...

The headline in a recent *Daily Mail* story that a wife had been '...forced to swap £3.2m home for council flat after 'cheap divorce goes wrong...', may, at first glance, have sent shivers down the spine of both lawyers and litigants. It was reported that the parties – anaesthetist Dr Peter Wilson and his wife, Norma – had been encouraged to reach an agreement in order to avoid the costs of going to trial. It was implied that this was the wrong thing to do. Stala Charalambous, Head of our Family Law department, explains the facts.

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I nearly fell off my chair... How to lose your trade mark registrations but still win

Many businesses have registered Community Trade Marks (CTMs) as a cost-effective way to obtain protection of their trade marks for all 28 member countries of the European Union (EU). But what are the possible consequences of obtaining a CTM rather than a UK trade mark registration? The decision of the Intellectual Property Enterprise Court in *The Sofa Workshop Ltd v Sofaworks Ltd* [2015] EWHC 1773 (IPEC) – a 29 June 2015 decision of Judge Richard Hacon – raises some interesting questions, as senior Trade Mark Attorney Nigel Parnell explains.

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A painful lesson on the importance of instructing a solicitor to make your will

The importance of using a solicitor to draft a will has been recently brought to attention following the case of Ebenezer Aregbesola who, in 2007 used Barclays' £90 will-writing service to create a will dealing with his various assets including homes overseas and in London. Trainee solicitor Maha Sahota explains how the matter has now reached the High Court.

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Pensions in the news

Our pensions partner Jennie Kreser has again been consulted for her views on the latest industry developments: **Is good governance only for large pension schemes?**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-a0t5dt7FU>

A taste of employment law (that is easy to digest)

Silverman Sherliker invites you to attend a seminar that is aimed at those who have a limited or no experience of the issues that can arise when employing staff.

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Legal implications of information and consultation of employees

Employees are entitled under the Information and Consultation of Employees Regulations 2004 (ICE) to request that their employer negotiate an agreement in respect of information and consultation with them. Senior Employment Partner Nicholas Lakeland explains more.

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What's on your mind?

Is there any particular topic or area of law (business, private client or family matters) that you would like to see us focus on in a future edition of *Ewire*?

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