

# Newsletter

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## Legal News

### Intellectual Property

#### [Ownership - Co-ownership of a Patent](#)

In the recent case of *Stanelco Fibre Optics Ltd v Biopress Technology Ltd* [2004], the courts ruled on the issues of patent ownership, joint ownership and clarified the test in joint ownership for identifying the actual deviser of the inventive concept [More](#).

#### [International Trade Mark Applications under the Madrid Protocol - European Community acceded to the Madrid Protocol](#)

The European Community ('EC') acceded to the Madrid Protocol ('Protocol') earlier this year providing a one-stop registration system for European Union (EU) member countries to the Protocol. The Protocol offers UK trade mark owners the possibility of having their trade mark protected in several countries by simply filing an International application directly with the UK Patents Office [More](#).

#### [Landmark Patent decision In Biotech Case - What is the extent of protection conferred by a patent?](#)

In a recent Landmark case, *Kirin-Amgen Inc and others v Hoechst Marion Roussel Ltd (HL)* [2004], the House of Lords has finally laid down that the legal test regarding the proper construction of the claims of a patent [More](#).

#### [Trade Mark Dispute Involving Google](#)

A trade mark infringement action was recently brought against *Google Inc.* by an entrepreneur in relation to a children's website named *Googles.com* [More](#).

## News

### Welcome

Welcome to our first quarterly Newsletter. We have been busy over the last twelve months and have formed many strategic partnerships to offer various services to our Clients - **Dr Rosanna Cooper, managing partner.**

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### Partnerships

#### [Launch of Ingenuity Life Sciences](#)

RT Coopers and Consulting First have launched [Ingenuity Life Sciences](#) - A unique Project Management and Business Development Consultancy which specialises in providing optimum Strategic Planning, Business Development, Market Intelligence, Investor Relations, Legal Services and Compliant Facilities Delivery.

#### [LIWIC](#)

RT Coopers is one of the partners of London Inspires Women Innovator Connector (LIWIC). You can find out more about LIWIC at <http://www.liwic.com/>

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# Legal News

## Employment Law

### [Changes to National Minimum Wage](#)

On the 1 October 2004, the national minimum wage (NMW) increased. The NMW is a key aspect of the Government's strategy for improving the minimum standard and fairness for employees in the workplace [More.](#)

### [New Disability Considerations for Employers](#)

Under new measures which came into force on 1 October 2004, businesses were required to make 'reasonable' adjustments to their premises in order to make them suitably accessible to people with disabilities [More.](#)

### [Compensation for Injury to Feelings in Unfair Dismissal Case](#)

The House of Lords reversed the decision of the Court of Appeal in the case of *Dunnachie v. Kingston-Upon-Hull County Council* on the grounds that compensation for injury to feelings in an unfair dismissal case was not prescribed by legislation [More.](#)

## Commercial

### [Disclosure of Confidential Information](#)

In the recent case of *Raks Holdings AS v. TTPCom Limited*, a dispute arose between the parties in relation to a commercial collaboration [More.](#)

## Media and Entertainment

### [Copyright In The Music Industry - Ownership of Copyright in the Production of New Editions of Existing Compositions](#)

In the case of *Sawkins v. Hyperion Records Ltd* [2004], the courts had to determine an important point namely, whether copyright was capable of subsisting in the production of new editions of existing compositions of musical works [More.](#)

## Data Protection

### [Combating spam - new global anti-spamming agreement.](#)

# News

## [Corporate Computer Consultants](#)

Wakefield Metropolitan District Council awarded IT management consultancy firm, CCCL (developers of Bookapitch) a service contract for the online booking system to help manage administration and co-ordination of all its football pitches and related facilities in the District earlier this year. A case study discussing the pilot phase of the system's implementation was published in e-gov monitor on October 18, 2004.

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## Caribbean News

We would like to welcome our marketing /business development manager for the Caribbean, [Susanna Corbin](#) as she is currently negotiating a number of projects for our expansion into the region.

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## Appointments

RT Coopers Solicitors is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Rosanna Cooper as a DTI Assessor for the Investigating an Innovative Idea scheme (III Scheme) administered by the Small Business Service. [www.dti.gov.uk/innovative-idea](http://www.dti.gov.uk/innovative-idea).

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# Legal News

## Recent Legislations

[Freedom of Information Act 2000](#)

[Patents Act 2004](#)

[Pension Act 2004](#)

All legislations are taken from the HMSO website.

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## Articles

[Negotiating a Licensing Agreement](#)

[Commercial Good Practice 111](#)

[An Investor's Guide to Legal Due Diligence](#)

[Commercial Good Practice 11](#)

[Commercial Good Practice 1Guide to Data Protection and E-Marketing](#)

[Branding](#)

[Community Design Registration](#)

[Assign or Licence IPR's](#)

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## News Appointments

### Gus John Partnership

The Gus John Partnership has appointed RT Coopers as their legal Advisers for all their commercial and corporate legal work.

### Subex Systems

Subex appointed RT Coopers to advise and assist them on employment law in their US\$1.5m acquisition of Alcatel Fraud Management division.

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## Thank You

We would like to say thank you to all our new and existing clients for your continued support in 2004. This year we were instructed by a record breaking number of new clients and had a high volume of ongoing instructions from existing clients. We advised clients on a number of areas of law including employment law, intellectual property, litigation, commercial contracts agreements, joint ventures, data protection, company law, e-business, commercial property, pharmaceutical, biotechnology and technology transfer. We are looking forward to providing you with the highest quality legal advice in the forthcoming year and your continued support.

If you require any further information on the range of legal and commercial/business services we offer, please take a look at our website at [www.rtcoopers.com](http://www.rtcoopers.com) or email us at [enquiries@rtcoopers.com](mailto:enquiries@rtcoopers.com). Tel: 0207 488 2985; fax 020 7488 2102.

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## Commercial/Business Opportunities

### Pharmaceuticals

One of our foreign clients is looking to purchase a pharmaceutical company in the UK with a leading brand (up to US\$100m).

One of our foreign clients is looking to purchase a range of generic pharmaceutical products in the UK (up to US\$2m).

One of our clients is looking to form a joint venture with a UK company. The UK Company must be prepared to manufacture products in China.

We are looking for suitable companies. Contact [e.john@rtcoopers.com](mailto:e.john@rtcoopers.com).

### [Investigating and Innovative Idea Scheme](#)

If you know of anyone who might be interested in applying for a III Grant, please contact us at [enquiries@rtcoopers.com](mailto:enquiries@rtcoopers.com).

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## Forthcoming Events

Dr Rosanna Cooper, our managing partner, will shortly be publishing her very informative and practical book for inventors.

Data Protection and IT Security Training Courses will re-commence from March 2005.

We have a lot more planned for the coming year.

**Seasons Greetings to you all, we return on 4 January 2005.**

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