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Dear Member

Evening Meeting: Thursday 27 November 2025 at 6:00 pm

The CLA will be holding a joint evening meeting with the Tech Disputes Network on **Thursday 27 November at 6pm** at Browne Jacobson LLP, 6 Bevis Marks, London EC3A 7BA. Registration will open at 6:00pm and the session will begin promptly at 6:15pm.

Georgina Messenger and **Tom McLaughlin** have kindly agreed to speak on:

Strategy and Tactics in Trade Secret Litigation

The CLA and Tech Disputes Network offer comprehensive answers to every question you have about litigating trade secrets and confidential information. The topics we aim to cover include:

- *What the best forum is to litigate in;*
- *The extent to which the protection conferred by the Trade Secrets Regulations differs from common law protection;*
- *Developments in ancillary claims, including wrongful procurement of breach and unlawful means conspiracy;*
- *UK trade secrets litigation as part of wider international disputes and the recast Brussels regulation;*
- *Immediate steps if someone is misusing your trade secret; and*
- *Remedies including springboard relief.*

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Georgina Messenger is a barrister at 3 New Square, specialising in all aspects of Intellectual Property law, including patents, trade marks, passing off, copyright, designs, trade secrets, confidential information and contractual disputes involving intellectual property or technical subject matter.

Tom McLaughlin is a solicitor advocate at specialist employment law firm, BDBF. He focuses on cases involving restrictive covenants, confidential information and team moves and is a member of the Tech Disputes Network editorial committee.

To register for this event, please visit the '**New Events**' section of the CLA website.

The session will be followed by drinks and canapés. There is no additional charge for members. There will be a registration fee for non-members: £50 (full rate); £35 (full time academic/public sector employees); £10 (students, trainees, pupil barristers).

Online registration will close midday on Wednesday 26 November.

With kind regards

Sharon Horwitz
Secretary