

## Trade Mark Attorney Qualification courses

This is an update with regard to the JEB exams this year and the new courses that are being run by Queen Mary, University of London (QM) and Nottingham Law School, Nottingham Trent University (NLS),

### QM course

This course commences on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2010. There are currently 16 students on the course. QM have kindly extended the deadline for applying to join the course and this is now Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010. Anyone still wishing to apply will need to submit their application to Sharon Watson, the Programme Coordinator, in hard copy (full application with academic references) by no later than lunchtime on Monday 6th September.

Should you have any questions regarding the course content, please contact Sharon Watson. Her email address is [s.b.watson@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:s.b.watson@qmul.ac.uk)

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### NLS Courses

We have been in discussions with NLS regarding both the Intensive short course and the Full course that were originally publicised to start relatively soon (in September 2010). As referred to in previous notices, the running of these courses has always been predicated by the need to have sufficient numbers and for it to be financially viable. We have been trying to establish with NLS whether or not the requisite number of places have been filled and whether these courses could run, as originally planned. Below is the latest position on the courses:

#### a) Intensive NLS course

By way of a reminder, in order to sit this course, an applicant should:

- i) have passed the Foundation papers\* (or have the necessary exemptions) and also have passed one of the Finals papers, T3 or T6, or
- ii) be an experienced IP solicitor who passed the QM Module B course that ran in June 2010.

\* If a student has not passed T5 then he/she may be eligible to sit this course subject to demonstrating that experience in non UK/OHIM practice matters.

Currently NLS have received 9 applications for this course therefore the course will not be able to proceed in September. However, we have been advised that it may be possible to run the course in December 2010 if there is additional interest. Ideally, 15 are required for this course to run. If anyone is considering applying for this course, please submit your application to NLS as a matter of urgency. Applications should be sent to Jane Jarman.

Should you have any questions regarding the course content, please contact Jane Jarman. Jane Jarman's email address is [jane.jarman@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:jane.jarman@ntu.ac.uk)

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**b) Full NLS course**

In order to sit this course in the academic year (2010/2011), an applicant should

- i) have passed T1 and the Basic English Law papers (or have the necessary exemptions) and also have passed the QM Module B that ran in June 2010.

Due to the lack of numbers, regrettably, this course will not commence in September. We do, of course, understand that some students will be disappointed to hear this.

However, NLS have advised us that this full course could run later this year/beginning of next year if there are sufficient numbers. If, however, the target number of applicants is not achieved, then this course should run in October next year (i.e. the course would include students who pass the 2010/2011 QM Course and who would then migrate to the full NLS course).

**JEB Exams**

The JEB have kindly agreed to extend the 3<sup>rd</sup> September deadline for applying to sit the exams under the current examination system. The new deadline is therefore Friday 10 September 2010.

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