

Intellectual Property Clinics - Terms & Conditions

The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA) organises 45-minute meetings with a Chartered Patent Attorney at the IP Clinic. This clinic is designed for unrepresented individuals seeking basic guidance on intellectual property matters, including patents, trademarks, designs, and copyright.

The IP Clinic booking process is managed via the CIPA website, where unrepresented individuals can view upcoming available appointments and book a session with a Chartered Patent Attorney. Once an appointment is confirmed, both the attorney and the individual will receive a confirmation email containing the meeting details, including a link to the online session.

All meetings will be held remotely via an online platform of the attorney's choice. This could include Zoom, Google Meet, or Microsoft Teams, so please ensure you have access to these platforms before your scheduled meeting.

Under the provisions of the Patents Act, disclosing your invention to anyone before filing a patent application—except under a confidentiality agreement—may result in losing your right to obtain a valid patent. Accordingly, all discussions at the clinic will be strictly confidential between you and the Chartered Patent Attorney.

You can [view a full list of Chartered Patent Attorney firms that can provide detailed legal advice](#) and act on your behalf on a commercial basis. Please note: Because the advice given in the clinic is free, provided by volunteers, and limited in time, neither the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys, the attorneys providing advice, nor the clinic venue can be held responsible for any advice given or not given, or for any actions taken or not taken as a result of the consultation.

By attending an IP Clinic session, you confirm your acceptance of the terms set out above.

If there are any questions regarding your IP Clinic appointment or the attorney involved, please contact CIPA at clinics@cipa.org.uk

