



UNION-IP BRITISH GROUP DINNER MEETING

The Spring dinner meeting of the British Group of UNION-IP will take place on:

Thursday 26 March 2026

with our guest speaker **Carlos Valls**

at Brasserie Blanc on Chancery Lane

We are delighted to welcome **Carlos Valls** of Giró Martínez to our spring dinner, at which he will recount his experiences litigating intellectual property disputes before the Spanish courts. The dinner will be held at **Brasserie Blanc on Chancery Lane**.

Carlos is a seasoned Spanish intellectual property litigator. He handled the very first preliminary injunctions in pharmaceutical patent disputes in Spain in the early to mid-1990s whilst at Clifford Chance, where he also was managing partner of the Barcelona office. He has since represented international and mid-market clients in IP disputes, advising on trademarks and designs amongst others Skechers, Sega, Yupi Indonesia, Bomanite and Uriach, and has significant patent victories for AGA (now St Jude) and W.R. Grace Inc.

Spain is becoming an increasingly important venue for intellectual property disputes. Carlos will speak to us about how intellectual property enforcement has developed in Spain over the years and give us insight into the reliable running of the Barcelona court, which has acquired a highly respected status within Europe and is becoming increasingly important for European IP disputes. But, it is not just about Barcelona (or Madrid court also worth of praise): Carlos will also cover the well-respected courts of other major Spanish cities of which he has experience.

Last, he will also give us his less than favourable opinions on whether the UPC should be claiming long arm jurisdiction over Spanish infringements!

Venue: This event will be held at **Brasserie Blanc, Chancery Lane** (119 Chancery Ln, London WC2A 1PP). Places are limited to 40 attendees only, so ensure to book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!

Time: **Drinks from 6pm for 6.45pm dinner**, address by the speaker at about 8pm and a general question and answer/discussion session to finish by no later than 9pm, with the bar (and pub!) remaining open for those wishing to continue discussions in an informal atmosphere.

Price: UNION-IP Members: £70 per head
Industry attendees: £70 per head
Non-members: £90 per head

Booking: **Please book through Eventbrite, ensuring that dietary requirements are specified: [UNION-IP Spring Dinner Meeting - Carlos Valls Tickets, Thu 26 Mar 2026 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)**

The British Group of the Union-IP of European Practitioners in Intellectual Property hold regular dinner meetings in London with high profile speakers giving an address on issues of interest to IP practitioners and users. Further details of other UNION-IP activities are on our website at www.union-eu.com.



NB: please make sure that, especially for block bookings, the names and email addresses of each individual attendee are given.

For any late bookings after EventBrite bookings have closed at 11pm on 23 March 2026, please email dinners@union-gb.com and secretary@union-gb.com to see whether booking is still possible.

The British Group of the Union-IP of European Practitioners in Intellectual Property hold regular dinner meetings in London with high profile speakers giving an address on issues of interest to IP practitioners and users. Further details of other UNION-IP activities are on our website at www.union-eu.com.