



Understanding and Drafting Software Contracts

IT (Information Technology) is at the heart of modern business. For many in those businesses it is important, if not vital, to have a proper understanding of the legal principles behind computer software and of the rights and duties arising from software licences. Whether you are a software supplier or a software user it is inherently dangerous not to have the ability to understand the legal consequences of its improper use.

The programme

This one-day programme is presented in plain English, avoiding the use of legal jargon. A number of practical examples will be used to help delegates understand the legal principles. Topics covered include:

- An explanation of what to look for and avoid in a licence
- The protection of software by copyright and by other intellectual property rights
- Scrutiny of a typical software licence and of a software support agreement
- The ability of the owner to limit its liability if software is faulty
- Effective negotiation of a licence
- An examination of the relevant statute and case law on the subject

Who should attend?

- IT specialists and project managers involved in agreeing licence specifications, supervisors of software use and anyone who is concerned with its supply or procurement.
- Procurement staff involved in software contracts

Benefits of Attending

- Understand the basic contractual principles of software
- Know what to seek and what to avoid in a licence
- Recognise the importance of intellectual property rights
- Increased confidence in negotiating with software suppliers and customers
- Understand the dangers and pitfalls imposed by recent legal developments