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## Des Voeux Chambers Oxford–Cambridge–HKU Visiting Fellowship Lectures



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 Wednesday, 1 April 2026  
Thursday, 30 April 2026

 5:00 PM Registration  
5:30 PM Talk  
6:30 PM Drinks Reception

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### 1 April 2026 (Wed) | Equitable Remedies in the Supreme Court

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#### Speaker



#### Dr Jordan English

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#### Synopsis

In 2025, the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom delivered three key judgments on issues pertaining to equitable remedies for breach of trust and/or fiduciary duty. In *Recovery Partners GP Ltd v Rukhadze* [2025] UKSC 10, the Court considered whether it was a valid answer to a claim for an account of profits for breach of fiduciary duty to allege that the same profits could have been made in any event. In *Stevens v Hotel Portfolio II UK Limited* [2025] UKSC 28, the question was whether a dishonest assistant could be held liable to pay equitable compensation for the 'loss' caused by the dissipation of profits held on constructive trust by an errant fiduciary. And in *Mitchell v Al Jaber* [2025] UKSC 43, the Court addressed the appropriate approach to calculating equitable compensation for breach of trust/fiduciary duty and the role of counterfactuals.

In this lecture, Dr Jordan English will discuss these key decisions, their potential implications, and seek to unravel some of the thorny issues with which they dealt. These include the basis of the obligation to account for unauthorised profits, the role of constructive trusts, and the role of causation and counterfactual reasoning in both loss- and gain-based equitable remedies.



# 30 April 2026 (Thu) | A Spectrum of Property Rights?

Des Voeux Chambers Cambridge–HKU Visiting Fellowship Lecture

## Speaker



### Dr Poorna Mysoor

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## Synopsis

Is the taxonomy of property rights in English law fit for purpose? English law continues to be guided by the binary classification of property rights into choses in possession and choses in action, despite some recognition in recent times as to the inadequacy of this classification to accommodate certain digital assets. This classification privileges the physicality of an asset and makes it the sole basis for the bifurcation. However, lumping all intangible assets in one category of choses in action is analytically problematic.

Some theorists do recognise that intangible assets are not all identical. They recognise that intangibles subsume a variety of assets including intellectual property, shares, documentary intangibles and so on. This classification does capture the diversity of intangible assets, but the gaping divide between the tangible and intangible assets continues to guide the taxonomy.

Modern economies have witnessed an immense proliferation of intangible assets both in their value and diversity. On what parameters is one to assess whether a newly identified intangible asset is capable of being regulated through property framework? The crudeness of the classification that sees physicality as the only relevant characteristic inhibits meaningful guidance that might be derived from the centuries of regulatory experience that has gone into shaping land law and personal property law, even where strongly analogous situations exist.

Instead of categorising property rights based only on their physicality, this paper proposes the idea of a spectrum of property rights as a more refined and apposite taxonomy for property rights. By distilling the characteristics of property rights beyond the tangibility of the asset and using these as a metric to calibrate different assets vis-à-vis each other a spectrum of property rights can be conceptualised.

The idea of property rights along a spectrum embodies the incrementalism underpinning the principle of *numerus clausus*. It takes a stand against a static and binary conception of property rights in favour of a dynamic and pluralistic one, while staying within the four corners of the theoretical foundations of property rights. Developing the spectrum in this manner also helps a more systematic, principled and orderly assessment of newer assets as to their eligibility for protection by property rights, rather than be subject to the vagaries of ad hoc regulatory responses.



## Speaker | Equitable Remedies in the Supreme Court



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Individual Profile

Jordan English is an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Oxford and a Tutor and Fellow in Law at Magdalen College. He is also an Associate Member of 3 Verulam Buildings. Jordan's research focuses on private law, with a particular emphasis on remedies, contract law, and property law. He is the author of *Discharge of Contractual Obligations* (Oxford University Press, 2025), which was the 2025 winner of SLS Peter Birks Prize for Outstanding Early Career Scholarship, and the co-author of *The Law of Tracing* (Federation Press, 2021). His research has been cited widely, including by the United Kingdom Supreme Court, the High Court of Australia, the New South Wales Court of Appeal, the Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia, the England and Wales High Court (Commercial Court), and the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands.

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Individual Profile

Tom Ng is developing a broad civil and commercial practice, with a particular focus on company and insolvency work, banking law, and trust and probate matters. Tom has appeared as sole trial counsel before the Court of First Instance, the District Court and Arbitral Tribunals, and as sole advocate before the Court of Appeal. He was a Marshall to Mr. Justice Reyes in 2009 and to Mr. Justice Harris in 2016. He appeared in the recent cross-border insolvency cases of *Re China Huiyuan Juice Group Ltd* [2021] 1 HKLRD 255 and *FDG Electric Vehicles Ltd* [2020] 5 HKLRD 701.

Tom has published more than 10 items in overseas and local journals, including the *Law Quarterly Review* and the *Cambridge Law Journal*. His publications have been referred to by Chitty on Contracts and Clerk & Lindsell on Torts.



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Individual Profile

Dr Poorna Mysoor is a Fellow in Law at Lucy Cavendish College, University of Cambridge. She is also a member of Centre for Intellectual Property and Information Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge. She was a Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellow at the Faculty of Law, University of Oxford, a Junior Research Fellow at the Queen's College, Oxford, and an academic member at the Oxford Intellectual Property Research Centre. She is the author of two books, *Copyright as Personal Property* (2025) and *Implied Licences in Copyright Law* (2021), both published with Oxford University Press, and has published her work widely in reputed journals and edited collections. Poorna obtained her DPhil at Faculty of Law, University of Oxford, LLM from SOAS, University of London for which she was awarded the Felix Scholarship and her undergraduate law degree from NLSIU, Bangalore. Before embarking on her doctorate, Poorna practised intellectual property law for several years in Hong Kong and was a litigator in India.

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Individual Profile

Stephanie Wong undertakes advocacy, advisory, and mediator work across a wide spectrum of civil, commercial and arbitration matters, with an emphasis on intellectual property disputes. She has acted in multiple landmark IP cases in Hong Kong, including *Sky King Machinery v. China Harbour*; *Wong To Yick v. Singapore Medicine* etc.

She currently serves on the Hong Kong Bar Association Intellectual Property Law Committee.

Stephanie also publishes extensively, including the Butterworths Hong Kong Trade Marks Law Handbook (3rd & 4th Editions); Halsbury's Laws of Hong Kong - Entertainment, Hotels, Sport, and Tourism (Volume 25 [155]), Practical Law Global's Practice Note on the Competition-IP Interface etc.

