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Basic facts about the department

- 16 partners
- 51 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Remains an unquestioned leader at the very pinnacle of IP law. Usually found acting on the most significant patent cases of the day, and also much sought after for commercial and strategic advice by the biggest names in consumer goods, life sciences and technology.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"The joy of working with them is that they are very clever and extremely well resourced."

"What they did was very helpful to our company, so we're all very appreciative."

Work highlights Obtained a landmark Court of Appeal decision in favour of Actavis which entitled the client to declarations of non-infringement not only with regard to the UK designation of Eli Lilly's patent for cancer treatment Alimta, but also French, Italian and Spanish designations.

Acted for Monster Energy Group and Coca-Cola Enterprises in a trade mark dispute with Shark AG concerning the marks 'Bring out the beast' and 'Unleash the beast'.

Notable practitioners

Peter Brownlow ([/uk/person/17296/peter-brownlow](#)) is widely regarded as one of the premier trade mark lawyers in the country, and is instructed on many of the leading brand disputes in the market. Sources say he "*inspires confidence*" and has a "*very sharp mind*."

Katharine Stephens ([/uk/person/19735/katharine-stephens](#)) is joint head of the London IP group. Perhaps best known for litigation on behalf of major telecommunications companies, her practice takes in design and brand matters.

Mark Holah ([/uk/person/395277/mark-holah](#)) was recruited from Sipara in January 2015 to drive the growth in his new firm's brand management practice. He is dual-qualified as a solicitor and a trade mark attorney and handles contentious and non-contentious matters.

Jane Mutimear ([/uk/person/9200/jane-mutimear](#)) is considered a "*a really serious operator*" with respect to mobile phone patent disputes, with sources describing her as a "*constructive*" yet "*formidable*" litigator.

Morag Macdonald ([/uk/person/8728/morag-macdonald](#)) concentrates on IP litigation with an eye to cross-border strategy, leading patent and also trade mark cases. Sources commend her intelligence, commercial understanding and "*excellent leadership skills*."

Mark Hilton ([/uk/person/57255/mark-hilton](#))'s practice focuses on patent litigation on behalf of leaders in biotechnology, medical devices and pharmaceuticals. He led the team which secured Actavis's precedent-setting Court of Appeal declaration of non-infringement regarding Alimta in the UK and several European jurisdictions.

Neil Jenkins ([/uk/person/12159/neil-jenkins](#)) is one of the firm's leading lights in life sciences patent litigation. He is admired as a "*clever, tactical lawyer and team leader*," and for his "*calm, unflappable*" approach.

Helen Conlan ([/uk/person/1424510/helen-conlan](#)) is noted for her capable handling of patent, copyright and trade mark disputes. Sources say she is "*terrific - very clever, hard-working and client-friendly*."

Significant clients Barclays, Baxter Group, BT Group, Nokia, Teva Pharmaceuticals.

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Basic facts about the department

- 21 partners
- 82 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for One of the great IP specialist firms staffed by recognised experts in all rights. Celebrated above all for patent litigation, alongside handling market-leading work on brands, copyright and digital media.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"They have strength and breadth and are real team players."

"A very good team and I look forward to working with them in the future."

Work highlights Advised Genomics England, an NHS body, on a cutting-edge £300 million human genome mapping and sequencing project intended to put the UK at the vanguard of genetic research.

Acting for Marks & Spencer in the retrial of its battle with Interflora concerning the use of trade marks as Google AdWords.

Notable practitioners

Paul Walsh ([/uk/person/10719/paul-walsh](#)) is one of the most celebrated trade mark lawyers in the country, and is much sought after for brand disputes. Sources say he is "*a class act*" and "*one of the best strategic thinkers*" in the market.

The "*always impressive*" Sally Field ([/uk/person/7297/sally-field](#)) is a seasoned and successful IP litigator with an enviable record in disputes relating to all IP issues in the life sciences, media, consumer products and hi-tech sectors.

Edward Nodder (</uk/person/9263/edward-nodder>) leads the firm's patent litigation practice and oversees high-value cases for key hi-tech and life sciences clients. He is also a leading authority on the European Unitary Patent and the forthcoming Unified Patent Court.

Myles Jelf (</uk/person/20863/myles-jelf>) is renowned for his work on computer science, electronics and advanced engineering disputes, often involving questions of competition law as well as IP infringement. He is considered "*commercially astute*" and a "*tough litigator who knows the law very well.*"

Theo Savvides (</uk/person/14669/theo-savvides>) leads the firm's copyright and digital disputes practice group, having been recruited from Osborne Clarke in September 2014. Sources say he is "*very knowledgeable*" and "*always listens to counsel and clients.*"

Brian Cordery (</uk/person/20851/brian-cordery>) acts in a wide range of IP disputes, although recently he has distinguished himself in pharmaceutical patent litigation. One source says: "*What I treasure about Brian is his extremely client-oriented approach, and that he is very responsive, energetic and creative.*"

Philip Westmacott (</uk/person/10827/philip-westmacott>) has all but unrivalled experience across the range of IP rights and industry sectors, and is well known for his work in IT and electronics cases. Sources say: "*There isn't much he doesn't know about patent law.*"

James Boon (</uk/person/395543/james-boon>) is a litigator and solicitor advocate with experience handling complex multi-jurisdictional aerospace, oil and gas and hi-tech electronics patent disputes.

Significant clients AstraZeneca, Diageo, Novartis, Siemens, WPP.

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Baker & McKenzie

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Basic facts about the department

- 5 partners
- 20 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for An all but peerless client roster of global brands in a wide range of sectors. Particularly strong on trade mark and copyright work, engaging in weighty litigation and transactions, and has recently attracted mandates from leading life sciences companies.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"They are splendid in trade marks."

"We are always impressed by them."

Work highlights Advised Australian biotech company CSL on the IP implications of its acquisition of Novartis's vaccines business.

Manages Unilever's global trade mark portfolio, one of the world's largest.

Notable practitioners

Michael Hart (</uk/person/7895/michael-hart>) leads the IP department, and advises household-name brands on commercial and contentious matters involving trade marks, designs, copyright and trade secrets. Clients find he has a way of "*making you feel you're the most important client he has.*"

Ben Allgrove (</uk/person/396138/ben-allgrove>) is described as a "*superb*" IT and software copyright specialist, and manages relationships with market-leading tech clients. One source says: "*You can literally see people queuing up to talk to him after or before court hearings.*"

Paul Rawlinson (</uk/person/12721/paul-rawlinson>) is described as "*a great brands specialist*" by sources and is best known for advising global fashion, luxury and fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) companies on trade mark strategy and portfolio management.

Hiroshi Sheraton (</uk/person/396157/hiroshi-sheraton>) is steeped in the life sciences sector and advises on patent and trade mark matters, including disputes, transactions and patent strategy. Clients appreciate that he is "*open-minded in considering in-house counsel's and the business's input and questions, which allows us to do a better job together at defending our position.*"

Significant clients AstraZeneca, Caterpillar, Eli Lilly, Pinterest, Weatherford.

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DLA Piper LLP

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Basic facts about the department

- 11 partners
- 14 other fee earners

What the team is known for Full-service practice with international reach. Leading litigators for patent, copyright, designs and trade mark disputes as well as a sophisticated commercial and rights strategy offering.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"Strong across the board."

"We find them creative and flexible."

Work highlights Leading the Premier League's worldwide enforcement strategy, with particular focus on audiovisual content.

Acted for Novo Nordisk, licensee of a Kymab patent concerning transgenic mice used for developing human monoclonal antibodies, which Regeneron alleges to have infringed its own patent.

Notable practitioners

Simon Levine (</uk/person/8592/simon-levine>) is widely respected for his years of experience as an IP litigator for media, digital technology and sports clients. Sources say: *"He is very important to us - he's completely steeped in our rights strategies and nuances."*

Adam Cooke (</uk/person/1388/adam-cooke>) is a seasoned litigator with a focus on multi-jurisdictional hi-tech and life sciences patent cases. He has recently advised key clients on the implications of the forthcoming Unified Patent Court.

Ruth Hoy (</uk/person/370005/ruth-hoy>) has expertise in copyright, designs, trade mark and database rights and acts for clients in fashion, retail, sports and media. She is described by one source as *"approachable and highly intelligent."*

Sian Croxon (</uk/person/6876/sian-croxon>) has an impressive following among media and entertainment companies owing to her adroit handling of copyright, trade mark, internet and data protection matters. She is noted for deep expertise in advertising and anti-counterfeiting.

John Wilks (</uk/person/397135/john-wilks>) is popular with clients in the media, sports and software sectors, and is a thought leader on data rights and domain names. Sources appreciate his *"intellectual weight"* and *"clear solutions"* to their problems.

Significant clients British Airways, Genzyme Corporation, Hermès, Honda, Travelex.

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Gowling WLG (UK)

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Basic facts about the department

- 8 partners

What the team is known for Strength across all fields of IP, including patent litigation, brand enforcement and strategy, and commercial transactions. Deep sector expertise in electronics, engineering, FMCG, life sciences and telecoms.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"They have done terrific work for us."

"If you want a case handled efficiently and proactively, they are the ones to go to."

Work highlights Successful defence of Lundbeck's supplementary protection certificate for escitalopram against Resolution Chemicals in UK and Dutch proceedings.

Notable practitioners

David Barron (</uk/person/12896/david-barron>) leads the firm's highly esteemed technology patent litigation team and has a large and dynamic US client base. Sources describe him as *"excellent"* and *"very accomplished."*

Gordon Harris (</uk/person/7872/gordon-harris>) chairs the IP team and is well known for his handling of electrical and mechanical engineering patent cases. A source notes, in reference to a recent matter, that he *"identified very well what the client wanted commercially and conveyed that in a very reasonable and constructive way."*

Paul Inman (/uk/person/13746/paul-inman) is recommended for complex, high-value pharmaceuticals and biotech cases. An *"excellent patent litigator,"* sources are *"truly impressed by his knowledge."*

Alexandra Brodie (/uk/person/341920/alexandra-brodie) is noted for her capable handling of telecoms patent disputes and also has a thriving brands practice. *"She is a great strategist and tactician who knows how to position for success at every level of trial,"* say sources.

Rebecca Costen (/uk/person/1097664/rebecca-costen) is a rising associate specialising in IP and media litigation who acts for clients in a number of key sectors. Sources consider her *"diligent and hard-working."*

Significant clients AstraZeneca, Dyson Technology, GlaxoSmithKline, InterDigital, Unilever.

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Herbert Smith Freehills

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Basic facts about the department

- 6 partners
- 21 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for High-quality IP offering spanning with celebrated strength in commercial and contentious matters. Noted above all for life sciences and TMT patent litigation but also very strong on non-patent disputes.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"The service was impeccable - swift, responsive and commercial."

"Terrific patent litigators."

Work highlights Represented Gilead in its victory over Idenix in defence of the client's hepatitis C treatment, Sofosbuvir.

Upheld on appeal hedge fund IKOS's ownership of copyright with respect to its customised trading software, which had been challenged by a former founding partner.

Notable practitioners

Sophie Rich (/uk/person/28806/sophie-rich) is highly respected for her impressive track record in pharmaceuticals and life sciences patent litigation. Clients say: *"She's very business-focused, quick to answer and brings deep knowledge and experience to the table."*

Mark Shillito (/uk/person/28807/mark-shillito) chairs the firm's IP practice in the UK and internationally. He is renowned for his expert handling of trade mark and patent litigation, as well as high-value commercial deals.

Joel Smith (/uk/person/15414/joel-smith) concentrates on heavyweight litigation concerning copyright, database rights, designs and trade marks in all manner of industry. Sources describe him as *"exceptionally talented and commercial."*

Sebastian Moore (/uk/person/351028/sebastian-moore) is praised by sources for his helmsmanship on complex, multi-jurisdictional pharmaceuticals patent disputes. One client says he is *"one of the best lawyers I've ever worked with - the complete package."*

Andrew Moir (/uk/person/146837/andrew-moir) is a solicitor advocate with a physics background and focuses on patent litigation concerned with electronics, telecoms and software. He is *"very gentlemanly and cool-headed and thus able to look at things objectively."*

Significant clients Apple, EDF, Jaguar Land Rover, Reckitt Benckiser, Roche.

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Hogan Lovells

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Basic facts about the department

- 8 partners
- 32 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Sophisticated and well-resourced full-service IP practice few can match. Handles many leading matters in trade mark and patent litigation as well as advising on commercial transactions and brand strategy.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"One of the best all-round IP groups in London - dynamic partners supported by very able and hard-working associates."

"A fantastic team - very organised and they have excellent technical understanding."

Work highlights Acted for Eli Lilly in defence of its oncology treatment Alimta from a pan-European generic challenge mounted by Actavis.

Defended HTC against numerous infringement claims brought by Nokia in several European jurisdictions.

Notable practitioners

Stephen Bennett (/uk/person/356377/stephen-bennett) leads the IP department and is a celebrated patent litigator, working mostly for life sciences clients but with a strong record in technology cases as well. He is *"very knowledgeable, calm and collected and inspires confidence in clients."*

Daniel Brook (/uk/person/400161/daniel-brook) handles patent disputes for leading companies in life sciences, oil and gas, and telecoms. Clients commend his *"high-quality counselling"* and his *"clear, well-structured"* communications.

Paul Brown (/uk/person/543408/paul-brown) focuses on patent litigation, often cases with cross-border dimensions, within the medical devices and hi-tech electronics industries. He also advises on the interplay of competition and IP law.

Nicholas Macfarlane (/uk/person/8733/nicholas-macfarlane) is a consultant for the firm, and counsels on IP litigation and alternative dispute resolution. He is a noted authority on patent and trade secrets law.

Charles Winckworth (/uk/person/936840/charles-winckworth) is much sought after for his expertise on brands with respect to the internet, and has made a mark in litigation and advice on domain name issues.

Significant clients ASOS, Baxter, PepsiCo, Vodafone, Mars.

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Olswang

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Basic facts about the department

- 28 partners

- 108 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for An impressive full-service IP offering with the resources to manage any complex transaction, dispute or prosecution campaign. Already highly regarded for hi-tech and digital expertise, with an expanding life sciences offering. One of very few firms with in-house patent attorneys.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"I have full confidence in their advice and guidance, both legal and strategic."

"Due to Olswang's advice and support I have been very successful with defending my marketplace and my products' position within it."

What's new? Gareth Morgan and Richard Price joined from Winston & Strawn in February 2015.

Work highlights Acting for ZTE in a hard-fought patent infringement case brought by Vringo concerning mobile phone handset and network infrastructure technology.

Acted as external patent attorney to Kymab, and defended the client's patents in UK and European opposition proceedings against Regeneron.

Notable practitioners

Michael Burdon (/uk/person/14499/michael-burdon) heads the European patent litigation team, and co-ordinates multi-jurisdictional campaigns for international leaders in electronics, life sciences and software. Sources describe him as a *"fantastic litigator."*

Helen Newman (/uk/person/28781/helen-newman) is a renowned trade mark specialist with an impressive client base across a range of industries, with a particularly large following among fashion and luxury goods companies.

Richard Price (/uk/person/28780/richard-price) joined Olswang from Winston & Strawn in February 2015. He heads the firm's IP arbitration group, and has litigated cases involving all major IP rights, although he is probably best known for patent disputes.

Paul Stevens (/uk/person/13466/paul-stevens) is one of the most widely respected IP litigators working today. He is noted for his trade mark and copyright expertise with respect to digital media and emerging technology-based business models. Sources say he *"understands clients and what they want"* and is *"always very calm, collected and strategic in his advice."*

Joel Barry (/uk/person/13494/joel-barry) chairs the firm's IP practice. A copyright and trade mark specialist, he offers his largely media clients a comprehensive service which takes in prosecution, commercial strategy and litigation. Clients praise his negotiation skills, ability to handle a large workload and his *"amenable character."*

Gareth Morgan (/uk/person/518636/gareth-morgan) joined from Winston & Strawn in February 2015. His arrival strengthens Olswang's life sciences capability, as he is steeped in patent litigation and the interface of IP and regulation in the pharmaceuticals and healthcare sector.

Iain Stansfield (/uk/person/214597/iain-stansfield) heads the firm's commercial group and concentrates on IP-heavy transactions and strategic advice to clients in advertising, marketing, media and retail. He counsels on copyright, trade marks and designs.

Sarah Wright (/uk/person/526138/sarah-wright) heads the firm's trade mark practice and has a client base drawn from market leaders in fashion, media, life sciences and telecoms. Clients say: *"She has always provided top-notch service and guidance."*

Significant clients Cambridge Silicon Radio, ITV, Microsoft, Richemont Group, Stella McCartney.

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Powell Gilbert LLP

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Basic facts about the department

- 8 partners
- 18 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Viewed by peers and the most sophisticated companies as the summit of patent litigation expertise. Also handles trade mark and transactional work for its clients.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"A stellar litigation practice headed by very capable people."

"They excel at litigation strategy and finding the best posture to adopt in any given situation."

Work highlights Acted for Kymab in defence of patent infringement proceedings brought by Regeneron, concerning its transgenic mouse platform used in human monoclonal antibody research.

Defending Huawei in a multi-patent action brought by Unwired Planet concerning 2G, 3G and 4G mobile phone technology and related competition, FRAND and licensing issues.

Notable practitioners

Penny Gilbert (/uk/person/17280/penny-gilbert) is universally regarded as being one of the finest patent litigators in the country, specialising in life sciences and telecoms cases. Sources say: *"She has a very clear idea of what she's trying to achieve and how to achieve it,"* and rate her client management skills as *"fantastic."*

Tim Powell (/uk/person/27166/tim-powell) is a renowned patent disputes lawyer with a successful record acting for electronics and life sciences companies. He is also a solicitor advocate and a leading authority on the forthcoming Unified Patents Court.

Simon Ayrton (/uk/person/20847/simon-ayrton) is an IP disputes all-rounder, steeped in complex patent litigation but also highly effective in trade mark disputes. Sources say he is *"immensely thorough,"* and praise his commercial sensibility.

Zoë Butler (/uk/person/20849/zoe-butler) is a seasoned patent litigator with experience handling difficult, high-value cases in life sciences, electronics, and oil and gas technology. Sources appreciate her strategic insights and practical case management.

Ari Laakkonen (/uk/person/399160/ari-laakkonen) is one of the UK's leading telecoms, media and technology law litigators. A former Nokia employee, sources say of him: *"Beyond patent validity issues, he is superb on FRAND and licensing issues which are nebulous and confusing, so it's great to have someone who has been in the client's shoes."*

Alex Wilson (/uk/person/27015/alex-wilson) specialises in European patent disputes and so is an ideal co-ordinator of multi-jurisdictional campaigns concerning a wide range of technologies. Sources commend his tenacity and he is recommended for oppositions as well as court litigation.

Tim Whitfield (</uk/person/746051/tim-whitfield>) handles contentious IP matters destined for the courts and the European Patent Office. His practice spans life sciences, FMCG and hi-tech electronics, with a focus on patents although he also leads anti-counterfeiting campaigns.

Significant clients Fresenius Kabi Deutschland, Human Genome Sciences/GlaxoSmithKline, HTC Europe, Procter & Gamble, Vringo.

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Simmons & Simmons LLP

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Basic facts about the department

- 10 partners
- 20 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for A strong player in IP law with the resources and depth of expertise to handle the most complex, multi-jurisdictional patent cases, brand-critical trade mark actions and all manner of commercial transactions.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"High quality across the board."

"The client is involved all along and we have felt that we are being heard, which is what we want."

Work highlights Successful defence of Samsung in a Patents Court dispute with Dyson, which had alleged infringement of its steering mechanism patent for vacuum cleaners.

Advised Coca-Cola on its UK and EU designs and trade mark strategy, including a continent-wide campaign to register Coca-Cola's contour bottle as a three-dimensional trade mark.

Notable practitioners

David Stone (</uk/person/524476/david-stone>) is a leading authority on trade mark and designs law, and advises on commercial and contentious matters. Sources say: *"He comes up with unusual and clever solutions to the issues we are tackling."*

Marjan Noor (</uk/person/24502/marjan-noor>) is one of the most respected figures in life sciences patent litigation, not least because of her profound understanding of the interplay of IP and regulatory concerns. Commentators say she is *"very substantively engaged, very clever and thoroughly decent."*

Marc Döring (</uk/person/13713/marc-doring>) leads the firm's IP department and focuses on life sciences patent litigation. He has long-standing experience handling biotechnology, medical devices and pharmaceuticals cases.

Kevin Mooney (</uk/person/9085/kevin-mooney>) is a venerable figure in the world of patent law who acts as a consultant for the firm. He chairs the committee charged with drafting the rules and procedure for the forthcoming Unified Patent Court.

Mark Heaney (</uk/person/396630/mark-heaney>) recently joined the firm from Baker Botts. One client says: *"He is a master of the facts, is never confused by the opposition and is always sure of the best strategic response."*

Significant clients Amazon, Bayer, Eli Lilly, Fox Entertainment, Procter & Gamble.

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Taylor Wessing LLP

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Basic facts about the department

- 13 partners
- 35 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for A comprehensive IP practice with experts in IP rights complemented by an international platform. Best known in this field for complex patent litigation, with an increasing brands and content offering.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"I hold Taylor Wessing in the highest regard in every respect: technical ability, strategic ability, industry knowledge, business acumen, strength of team and responsiveness."

"I found their service to be very commercial, responsive and effective - I would recommend them to anybody."

Work highlights Acted for Abbott Laboratories in UK and European patent revocation actions against Johnson & Johnson subsidiaries Cordis and Ethicon concerning drug-eluting stents.

Acted for Jensen in a dispute over the rights to the 'Jensen' and 'Interceptor' brands with Healey Sports Cars Switzerland concerning the iconic sports car model.

Notable practitioners

Simon Cohen ([/uk/person/12995/simon-cohen](#)) concentrates on multi-jurisdictional pharmaceuticals patent litigation. One market source says: *"He has a fantastic practice which has the generics industry eating out of the palm of his hand."*

Roland Mallinson ([/uk/person/17973/roland-mallinson](#))'s practice is concerned with commercial and contentious work concerning trade marks, copyright and design rights. Sources acclaim him as *"a great brands lawyer"* and commend his *"sensible approach to litigation."*

James Marshall ([/uk/person/11712/james-marshall](#)) handles commercial and contentious matters but is best known for his able steering of patent litigation concerning pharmaceuticals and telecoms technology.

Mark Owen ([/uk/person/19055/mark-owen](#)) is a copyright, designs and trade mark specialist with a focus on content and digital media matters, often for US clients. Sources say he is *"an impressive and knowledgeable IP lawyer."*

Matthew Royle ([/uk/person/1329841/matthew-royle](#)) specialises in patent litigation and adjacent regulatory matters with respect to pharmaceuticals and life sciences. He has a PhD in microbiology and so is ideal for biologics cases.

Christopher Thornham ([/uk/person/400556/christopher-thornham](#)) has commanding experience in patent litigation, and co-ordinates multi-jurisdictional campaigns for clients in chemicals, hi-tech and life sciences. One source says he is *"a sharp, inventive thinker."*

Niri Shan ([/uk/person/24515/niri-shan](#)) leads the intellectual property, media and entertainment department and is recommended for copyright and trade mark litigation. Clients admire his ability to *"find his way through the legal complexities with ease to get the right commercial result."*

Significant clients Ericsson, Hospira, Louis Vuitton Moët Hennessy, Mylan, Tiffany & Co.

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Allen & Overy LLP

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Basic facts about the department

- 5 partners
- 27 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for A formidable power in patent litigation with excellent resources for IP-heavy corporate deals. Also recommended for commercial IP transactions in high technology and life sciences.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"Very talented patent litigators."

"Hard-fighting and strategically canny - a very strong team."

Work highlights Advising Regeneron on European patent strategy, with particular regard to the client's landmark transgenic mouse antibody platform.

Represented Pfizer subsidiary Warner Lambert in defence of pan-European invalidity challenges brought by Actavis and Mylan concerning the client's second medical use patent for pregabalin as a pain treatment.

Notable practitioners

Nicola Dagg ([/uk/person/191250/nicola-dagg](#)) is best known for her masterful handling of business-critical patent cases, although she also advises on non-contentious IP matters. One source describes her as *"a phenomenal litigator - extremely bright and creative."*

Neville Cordell ([/uk/person/259673/neville-cordell](#))'s practice takes in patent litigation and also IP-rich transactions, commercial and corporate. Sources praise his *"fantastic litigation instincts"* and his *"statesmanlike"* capacity for *"pulling everyone together."*

Jim Ford ([/uk/person/25893/jim-ford](#)) leads the firm's commercial IP practice and is highly recommended for his assured steering of high-value technology-driven deals. Clients describe his work as *"absolutely outstanding."*

Significant clients eBay/PayPal, GlaxoSmithKline, Honda, McDonald's, Novartis.

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Fieldfisher [View Profile >](#) (/uk/firm/137/fieldfisher)

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Basic facts about the department

- 8 partners
- 20 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Respected full-service IP practice which includes cutting-edge commercial and contentious content and brands work. Patent litigation capability seen as a growing force in the market.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"The team's work was thorough, sophisticated, proactive and timely."

"A really proficient team."

Work highlights Acting for Hearst Corporation & Fleischer Studios in copyright and trade mark disputes regarding cartoon icon Betty Boop, one of the most closely watched cases concerned with character merchandising in recent years.

Representing antimalarial bed net manufacturer Vestergaard Frandsen in a long-running misuse of trade secrets action against a number of parties. The defendants were ordered to pay the client's costs at a UK hearing in December 2014.

Notable practitioners

Nick Rose (/uk/person/9840/nick-rose) is well known for his leadership on confidential information, copyright and trade mark cases which raise difficult points of law. Sources commend him on his case management skills, impressive knowledge and spirited approach to litigation.

Beatriz San Martín (/uk/person/1425309/beatriz-san-martin) impresses in sophisticated patent and confidential information cases. Sources describe her as "a very creative, thoughtful litigator" who "excels in managing complex, multi-jurisdictional cases."

Rebecca Swindells (/uk/person/145069/rebecca-swindells) is recommended for disputes involving copyright, designs, domain names, trade marks and trade secrets. She is particularly adept at matters concerning the internet and digital media.

Significant clients Channel 4, Crocs, Eli Lilly, Google, Volkswagen.

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- 6 partners
- 20 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Magic circle firm with the resources to handle the largest and most complex IP-driven transactions. Also has highly esteemed patent litigation and brands practices.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"Their knowledge is incredible, they turn things round overnight and are highly responsive."

"They are good partners with us who are very interested in our perspective and in making sure that our needs are addressed."

Work highlights Counseled Novartis on IP aspects of the sale of its animal health business to Eli Lilly.

Advised leading internet real estate portal Zoopla on the IP implications of its IPO.

Notable practitioners

Justin Watts (/uk/person/20874/justin-watts) is highly respected as a patent litigator and also for his advice on IP-related transactions. Sources describe him as "very accomplished" and appreciate his "strategic and practical advice in terms of substance and procedure."

Avril Martindale (/uk/person/28804/avril-martindale) is recommended for her expertise on the IP implications of high-value corporate and commercial transactions. One client found her and her team to be *"very thorough and a complete joy to work with."*

Giles Pratt (/uk/person/400331/giles-pratt) is involved in market-changing technology-driven transactions, rights strategy and litigation. Clients appreciate the clarity, intellectual rigour and enthusiastic work ethic he brings to his instructions.

Significant clients Bristol-Myers Squibb, Johnson & Johnson, London Stock Exchange, Rolls-Royce, Schlumberger.

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King & Wood Mallesons

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- 7 partners
- 15 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for London hub of a worldwide platform recommended for all kinds of IP instructions. Particularly strong on patent and trade mark disputes in the fashion, hi-tech and life sciences sectors.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"They are handling very complicated matters, each with a lot of unusual issues, and they are doing a superb job."

"A very bright and capable team."

Work highlights Acted for Rosetta Wireless in a patent infringement dispute with BlackBerry concerning wireless intelligent personal server technology.

Advising Resolution Chemicals on licensing, research, and development and supply agreements.

Notable practitioners

David Rose (/uk/person/19853/david-rose) leads the firm's IP group and is best known for patent and brands litigation on behalf of computer science, financial services and life sciences companies. Sources say he is *"always keen to outline a strategy and is a very effective case manager, very eager to ensure there is a consensus on the direction taken."*

Campbell Forsyth (/uk/person/337051/campbell-forsyth) is a celebrated IP lawyer with a focus on complex and often multi-jurisdictional patent litigation. He acts for hi-tech and life sciences companies and is highly knowledgeable on the interplay of IP and competition law.

Significant clients Alexander McQueen, Ladbrokes, Nintendo, Ralph Lauren, Sky.

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Lewis Silkin LLP

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- 5 partners
- 7 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for One of the best brands practices in the business, with a focus on work for leading companies in the creative industries. Involved in many of the most closely-followed trade mark cases in the market.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"A very impressive combination of top-class service, flexibility and client care."

"We are totally satisfied. It is a long-standing and very close relationship."

Work highlights Prevailed at first instance on behalf of client Lush Cosmetics in a dispute with Amazon concerning the use of 'lush' as a Google Adword and the direction of searches using the word in Amazon's European websites to products other than those marketed by the client.

Acted for vehicle renting giant Enterprise Holdings in a trade mark infringement dispute with Europcar regarding the latter's rebrand which employed a lower-case green 'e' logo.

Notable practitioners

Simon Chapman (/uk/person/344318/simon-chapman) is, according to sources, "one of the leading trade mark lawyers in London," and specialises in complex, high-stakes litigation. He is praised for his "deep intelligence," his "very good tactical judgement" and his rapport with clients.

Giles Crown (/uk/person/138551/giles-crown) heads the firm's media, brands and technology department. A former barrister, he has a flourishing practice concerned with copyright, designs and trade mark litigation.

Jeremy Summers (/uk/person/55118/jeremy-summers) is a commercial lawyer and IP specialist with a distinguished client following in media, entertainment and sport. He advises on all manner of commercial rights management issues and related disputes.

Nick Walker (/uk/person/622401/nick-walker) is a litigator with long-standing experience in handling copyright and trade mark disputes. Sources say he is "very hard-working," while lauding his "considered, collegiate and user-friendly" approach.

Significant clients Atelier Archange Sarl, Enterprise Holdings, Cosmetic Warriors, Staywell Hospitality Group, Sauflon Pharmaceuticals.

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Marks & Clerk Solicitors

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Basic facts about the department

- 8 partners
- 18 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Dynamic specialist IP firm with a strong reputation in patent litigation for household-name life sciences and hi-tech clients. Also has an estimable record in designs and trade mark cases.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"Their work is very sophisticated."

Work highlights Defended Genentech against a series of revocation actions filed by Hospira, which intends to market a biosimilar version of the client's landmark breast cancer drug, Herceptin.

Defending Virgin Media and TiVo in a multi-patent infringement campaign brought by Rovi concerning electronic programme guides and related functions.

Notable practitioners

William Cook (/uk/person/13700/william-cook) is a formidable patent litigator valued for his technical expertise and his driven approach to clients' cases. He acts mostly for electronics, software and telecoms companies.

Mike Gilbert (/uk/person/347005/mike-gilbert) specialises in life sciences patent litigation and has an excellent track record representing biotechnology and pharmaceuticals companies. Sources say he is "very dedicated and keen to do a good job for the client."

Gregor Grant (/uk/person/427/gregor-grant) is a seasoned patent disputes specialist and is much respected in the market. He has extensive experience across a wide range of technologies, including life sciences, food technology, software, chemicals and mechanical engineering.

Significant clients Daiichi Sankyo, MobileIron, Mast-Jägermeister, Nintendo, Eckoh.

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Mishcon de Reya LLP

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- 8 partners
- 24 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for A dynamic trade marks and brands litigation practice involved in many of the most high-profile cases. Well known for fashion, FMCG and retail, in addition to a leading designs practice and patent capability.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"We received really good advice and were really happy about their efficiency and the

results obtained."

"They are doing excellent work."

Work highlights Successful representation of Jack Wills in its widely reported trade mark infringement and passing-off dispute with House of Fraser.

Acted for Victoria's Secret in a trade mark infringement and passing-off claim mounted by Thomas Pink.

Notable practitioners

Jeremy Hertzog (/uk/person/191375/jeremy-hertzog) is a formidable and respected IP litigator best known for running trade mark, copyright and designs disputes for clients in fashion, retail and luxury goods. He is praised for his "*strong mind*," "*good instincts*" and "*robust approach*" to cases.

Ray Black (/uk/person/6230/ray-black) is expert in the commercial application of the law concerning IP rights although he is best known for copyright, designs and trade mark work. Sources consider him an "*excellent*" and "*authoritative*" resource.

Significant clients BMW, Daimler-Mercedes, Microsoft, Pfizer, Badoo Media.

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- 8 partners
- 21 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Comprehensive expertise across IP rights and industry sectors. One of the strongest generic pharmaceuticals patent litigation practices, and also a distinguished contentious and commercial brands offering.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"They have the depth of experience and European dimension we need."

"Their relationship management skills are very sound."

Work highlights Won a victory for Teva in patent revocation proceedings against AstraZeneca, concerning the Single Maintenance and Reliever Therapy (SMART) indication for the latter's asthma drug Symbicourt.

Acted for Interflora in its long-running and closely watched trade mark dispute with Marks & Spencer concerning Google Adwords.

Notable practitioners

Iain Connor (/uk/person/519354/iain-connor), chair of the firm's contentious IP practice, focuses on trade mark law and advises on commercial matters, brand strategy and litigation. Sources say he is "*agreeable, knowledgeable and a very clear thinker*."

Clare Tunstall (/uk/person/22849/clare-tunstall) is one of the UK's leading patent litigators for revocation actions on behalf of generic manufacturers. Sources say she is "*hugely experienced, fun to work with and clients love her*."

Rebecca Mitton (/uk/person/621138/rebecca-mitton) is developing an enviable reputation for her work on trade mark litigation and brands strategy. She acts for high-profile clients in the financial services and retail sectors.

Significant clients Actavis, Capita, Hiscox, SuperDry, Fujitsu.

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- 5 partners
- 9 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Leading firm dedicated to IP and thus able to handle matters of the greatest size and complexity. Highly recommended for litigation in all rights, IP strategy and commercial transactions.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"They are responsive, authoritative and their work is of high quality."

"A very impressive set-up."

Work highlights Acted for Microsoft/Skype in a trade mark dispute with BSKyB before the General Court of the European Union.

Advised PDL BioPharma on two disputes with licensee Genentech concerning the arrangements which allow the latter to manufacture and market Avastin, Herceptin and Lucentis.

Notable practitioners

Sara Ashby (/uk/person/212790/sara-ashby) has an impressive range of expertise which takes in designs, trade marks and mechanical engineering patent disputes. Clients say: *"She gives timely and thoughtful advice on suitable options and alternative routes to manage disputes and the overall negotiation process."*

Anna Carboni (/uk/person/12507/anna-carboni) is a celebrated trade mark law expert and is highly sought after for her handling of registry and court disputes. Sources commend her as a *"deep thinker"* who *"proposes very creative solutions."*

Simon Chalkley (/uk/person/20521/simon-chalkley) acts for clients from a wide range of industries, including, fashion, high-end consumer goods and video games on commercial IP agreements. One client commends him as a *"very practical adviser who gives good advice on possible options and the best ways of managing negotiations."*

Duncan Ribbons (/uk/person/1247376/duncan-ribbons) focuses on complex patent litigation concerning aerospace technology, chemicals and life sciences. One client describes him as *"persistent, detail-oriented and very independent-minded,"* and admire his *"ability to see the bigger picture."*

Charters Macdonald-Brown (/uk/person/27613/charters-macdonald-brown) is a consultant for the firm and is considered one of the country's most eminent authorities on copyright, designs and trade mark litigation.

Significant clients Agent Provocateur, Gilead Sciences, Gucci, Honeywell, Square Enix.

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Rouse Legal

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- 9 partners
- 7 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Specialist IP firm particularly celebrated for its contentious IP work. Houses highly qualified lawyers expert in life sciences and technology patent law and also trade mark and anti-counterfeiting litigation.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"The focus is always the client's aims - commercially oriented legal advice, not just point-scoring."

"They always find innovative solutions. If you want to win, you'd do well to hire them."

Work highlights Defended Nintendo Europe in a patent infringement dispute with Philips Electronics concerning gaming and user interfaces.

Acting as an integral part of Reckitt Benckiser's worldwide trade mark enforcement programme.

Notable practitioners

Diana Sternfeld (/uk/person/55274/diana-sternfeld) leads the firm's patent litigation practice and is particularly highly regarded for work in the life sciences sector. Clients find her *"very approachable, smart and experienced."*

Jeremy Newman (/uk/person/15613/jeremy-newman) is the firm's managing partner and oversees many of its most distinguished clients. He is best known as a trade mark enforcement and anti-counterfeiting specialist, but is also *"excellent at coordinating global filing and prosecution matters."*

Arty Rajendra (/uk/person/523274/arty-rajendra) is an IP litigator with experience handling copyright, patent and trade mark disputes. Sources say she is *"very innovative in her thinking about remedies"* and *"quick on her feet."*

Significant clients Allergan, BP, GlaxoSmithKline, UCB Pharma, Sony Mobile Communications.

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Arnold & Porter (UK) LLP

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- 3 partners
- 5 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Deep knowledge of the biotech, pharmaceuticals and healthcare industries. Recommended in particular for IP-driven commercial deals and patent litigation, while also handling a wide range of rights protection and strategy matters for household names in fashion and media.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"Our go-to for international patent litigation strategy."

"We feel very well supported."

Work highlights Acted for AstraZeneca in defence of the relief indication of its asthma inhaler Symbicort in a challenge mounted by Teva.

Represented DuPont in a multi-jurisdictional patent dispute with Novozymes concerning animal feed enzyme formulations.

Notable practitioners

Richard Dickinson (/uk/person/339147/richard-dickinson) is recommended for his expertise in IP transactions in the life sciences and TMT sectors. He also advises clients on the interaction of IP law and regulatory issues.

Significant clients Gilead, GlaxoSmithKline, ITV, Pfizer, Urban Outfitters/Anthropologie.

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Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP

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- 4 partners
- 7 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for High-quality brands, copyright and designs work. Specialist expertise in large international trade mark portfolio and registration work and also a top destination for design matters and copyright disputes.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"They are very responsive, very friendly and the advice is practical, concise and clearly expressed."

"Clients are very grateful to them for their work."

Work highlights Successful representation of the Newspaper Licensing Authority in a challenge to its copyright licence by media monitoring body Cutbot.

Manages the Financial Times' worldwide trade mark portfolio.

Notable practitioners

Simon Clark (/uk/person/523295/simon-clark) is renowned as a litigator in copyright, trade mark and designs disputes. He also advises on rights strategy and commercial matters. One source notes he *"really enjoys the subject, contributes enthusiastically to the debate and is up to the minute."*

Ian De Freitas (/uk/person/301533/ian-de-freitas) is a litigator by training but is also experienced in non-contentious matters involving copyright, trade marks, data rights and cybersecurity issues. One client describes him as *"absolutely fantastic - very commercial and an excellent negotiator."*

Toby Headdon (/uk/person/624402/toby-headdon) is considered *"very impressive"* by sources and has already made a mark in closely followed cases such as the Meltwater case. He has published extensively on copyright law and is seen as an emerging leader in the field.

Significant clients The British Medical Journal, Markit, Monsoon, Malmaison Hotels, FatFace.

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Charles Russell Speechlys

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- 12 partners
- 14 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Comprehensive IP practice noted for excellence in trade mark litigation, prosecution and brand management. Also has experts in patent litigation and data protection.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"I have been a happy client and I got a deserved outcome on a case which was incredibly tough from the outset, and I had a great team to work with, which made all the difference."

"Excellent and efficient service."

Work highlights Acted as Nike's appointed European trade mark counsel, advising on portfolio management and UK and EU opposition proceedings.

Advised Sandvik subsidiary Pramet Tools on a pan-European patent infringement dispute with TDY Industries and Kennametal concerning industrial metal cutting technology.

Notable practitioners


Mary Bagnall (/uk/person/24370/mary-bagnall) is a trade mark, designs and copyright specialist with extensive experience in UK and European litigation and oppositions. Sources describe her as *"approachable, flexible and commercial."*

Jonathan Radcliffe (/uk/person/522924/jonathan-radcliffe) is a seasoned patent litigator and represents clients in the electronics, manufacturing and life sciences fields. He is noted for his knowledge on questions of computer software patentability.

Ian Wood (/uk/person/28810/ian-wood) chairs the firm's IP practice, and although he is best known for patent disputes he has also led on major trade mark and copyright cases. He is described by sources as *"a good litigator - skilled and a tough fighter."*

Significant clients Cadbury, Hachette UK, Mölnlycke Health Care, Sky, Paddy Power.

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Basic facts about the department

- 9 partners
- 29 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Comprehensive IP service with sector specialisms in consumer goods, life sciences and TMT. Offers a dynamic contentious offering.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"It shows that they make a big effort in the relationship."

"I am very pleased with their work because they are able to provide timely, business-oriented advice, and have a good understanding of our business and the market in which we operate."

Work highlights Acted for Nominet in its defence of Cartier's attempt to secure an order compelling the client to lock and de-tag domain names allegedly linked with the sale of counterfeit items.

Principal IP advisers to Post Office Limited, with recent instructions concerning brand and domain name issues.

Notable practitioners

Tom Scourfield (/uk/person/404732/tom-scourfield) leads the UK IP team and is much sought after for his advice on brand strategy and trade mark disputes. Interviewees laud his *"great leadership of matters, fantastic availability and very good understanding of the client's business culture and how that drives decisions."*

Significant clients Amazon, eBay, Nestlé, Takeda Pharmaceutical Company, Unilever.

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Harbottle & Lewis LLP

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- 16 partners
- 12 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Excellent representation of companies to whom content and brands are central to their success and survival. A superb client following in media, entertainment, technology and many other industries.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"I feel the advice we received was excellent and I was reassured by their specialised experience."

Work highlights Advised Blackwell on the IP implications of its new, cutting-edge digital learning service.

Advised on the IP aspects of leading digital cinema operator Ymagis of DCinex, a digital distribution company.

Notable practitioners

Shireen Peermohamed (/uk/person/27650/shireen-peermohamed) acts for a number of the firm's key clients in disputes, and advises on licensing and brand management. *"She finds solutions quickly and practically,"* say clients.

Jeremy Morton (/uk/person/17361/jeremy-morton) has extensive experience handling complex litigation and is best known for his work on behalf of technology companies. Clients praise his thorough yet dynamic approach to dispute resolution.

Significant clients Hat Trick Productions, HSBC, Nissan, Oxford University Press, Virgin.

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Linklaters

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- 7 partners
- 25 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Assured representation in high-value and often landmark technology-driven corporate deals. Also recommended for copyright, patent and trade mark litigation for clients in financial services, software and life sciences.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"They are an excellent firm all round."

"They are always very smart."

Work highlights Acted for Johnson & Johnson on a multi-jurisdictional patent infringement dispute brought by AbbVie concerning Stelara, the client's monoclonal antibody treatment for psoriasis.

Represented Bank Leumi, Israel's largest bank, in a High Court breach of contract and copyright infringement dispute with Micro Focus relating to a software licence.

Notable practitioners

Ian Karet (/uk/person/28792/ian-karet) is a patent litigator who also advises on complex, IP-focused corporate deals. One client notes he is *"very bright and an effective team leader,"* adding: *"He's very concise, measured and is always closely involved in the development of a matter."*

Nigel Jones (/uk/person/28794/nigel-jones) is recommended for difficult patent disputes and also IP due diligence in corporate transactions. Clients describe him as *"very intelligent and highly experienced, he reacts quickly and is very responsive."*

Significant clients easyGroup, Intel Corporation, Novartis, RBS, Siemens.

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Nabarro LLP

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- 6 partners
- 7 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Quality destination for brand enforcement, strategy and commercialisation. Clients include market leaders in apparel, digital media, electronics and life sciences.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"We feel like Nabarro is our partner rather than just a service provider."

"What I most like about them is their practical advice, effectiveness and understanding of our business."

Work highlights Represented Levi Strauss in trade mark infringement actions against well-known retailers and designers in relation to the client's iconic 'tab' and arcuate stitching.

Successful defence of the UNITE Group, the student accommodation provider, in a passing-off claim brought by The Student Housing Company concerning the client's use of the colour yellow in its rebrand.

Notable practitioners

Guy Heath (/uk/person/12637/guy-heath) leads the firm's IP practice and is esteemed for his strength in brand management and trade mark litigation. Sources appreciate his proactive and thoughtful approach.

Significant clients Diesel, Enigma Diagnostics, Kettle Foods, Oracle Corporation, Twitter.

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Osborne Clarke LLP

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Basic facts about the department

- 6 partners
- 9 associates

What the team is known for Noted in particular for copyright, trade mark and internet-related instructions, housing lawyers expert in hi-tech and life sciences. Recommended for complex, high-stakes IP litigation.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"They knew their stuff and dealt with the matter very efficiently."

"I would rate them as exceptional."

What's new? Ben Goodger joined from Edwards Wildman Palmer in October 2014.

Work highlights Advised Celltrion on the IP aspects of the client's launch of its monoclonal antibody biosimilar product, the first granted EU marketing approval.

Notable practitioners

Lorna Brazell (/uk/person/19682/lorna-brazell) is best known as a patent litigator, although she is also adept at handling trade mark and software copyright disputes. One source says: *"She has provided well-tailored advice which informed sensible business decisions."*

Ben Goodger (/uk/person/166811/ben-goodger) joined in October 2014 from Edwards Wildman Palmer. He is a transactional IP specialist with a substantial client following in the digital business and life sciences sectors.

Significant clients Aslan Pharma, Eurostar, Facebook, News International, Vodafone.

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Reed Smith LLP

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Basic facts about the department

- 6 partners
- 10 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Acts behalf of clients in media, luxury goods and life sciences. Highly recommended for copyright and trade mark litigation as well as commercial agreements for leaders in biotech and pharmaceuticals.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"An absolutely first-class service at all levels."

"Entirely on top of their game."

Work highlights Secured first instance and appeal victories for Rihanna in her passing-off and image rights battle with retailer Topshop.

Acting for the UK's five major ISPs - BSkyB, BT, EE, TalkTalk and Virgin Media - in a hard-fought dispute with Richemont, which seeks blocking orders against websites it alleges infringe its trade marks.

Notable practitioners


Michael Skrein (/uk/person/10130/michael-skrein) is a highly respected litigator with an excellent track record in copyright, trade mark, trade secrets and passing-off cases. One source says: *"I tip my hat to his superb legal knowledge, effectiveness, efficiency and judgement."*

Stephen Edwards (/uk/person/7171/stephen-edwards), having been head of copyright at the BBC, is one of the country's foremost authorities on the law affecting content, not least with regard to broadcasting and other media. He is also expert on licensing the use of copyrighted works in educational contexts.

Carolyn Pepper (/uk/person/744843/carolyn-pepper) is above all known for her litigation work in the broadcasting sector, although she also advises on commercial and related advertising matters. Clients appreciate her *"unique combination of technical excellence and acute commercial awareness."*

Significant clients Bauer Media, Bavarian Nordic, Beauté Prestige, Channel Four, Reckitt Benckiser.

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- 9 partners
- 21 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Well-respected practice with expertise in apparel, consumer goods, media and retail. Particularly strong on copyright and trade mark litigation.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"We had a great outcome and the way they handled it was very effective and commercial."

"A very strong team."

Work highlights Won a comprehensive trial victory for Direct Line in a breach of confidential information action brought by Primary Group.

Acting for Sports Direct in a trade mark dispute with Boxing Brands concerning the 'Queensberry' trade mark.


Notable practitioners

Jeremy Drew (/uk/person/19273/jeremy-drew) leads the IP team and advises on commercial and contentious matters with a focus on non-patent rights. His clients include leading brands in apparel, insurance, media and retail.

David Cran (/uk/person/518125/david-cran) is best known as a litigator although he also advises on IP-driven transactions. His areas of expertise include copyright, designs, trade marks and trade secrets, and he is lauded by clients for his *"formidable brain power."*

Significant clients Associated Newspapers, Champagne Louis Roederer, Direct Line, Google, Japan Tobacco.

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- 7 partners
- 14 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Advises on high-profile corporate transactions requiring numerous complex licensing and technology transfer arrangements. Also provides a powerful patent and trade mark litigation service.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"We were very impressed with their IP capabilities and personnel and think they did an outstanding job."

"The team was efficient in understanding the brief and were strategic in their approach to achieving a positive outcome."

Work highlights Advised GlaxoSmithKline on a landmark transaction with Novartis which combined the companies' consumer healthcare arms, the client's acquisition of most of Novartis's vaccines business and the disposal to Novartis of its marketed oncology lines.

Counselling Rolls-Royce on a joint venture with Hispano-Suiza to develop accessory drive train transmission systems for the client's civil aero engines.

Notable practitioners

Susie Middlemiss (</uk/person/22759/susie-middlemiss>) leads the firm's IP practice and concentrates on contentious matters, although she is also closely involved in the firm's technology-driven corporate engagements. Sources say she can be counted on to do *"an excellent job."*

Cathy Connolly (</uk/person/243300/cathy-connolly>) advises major engineering, technology and FMCG companies on commercial and corporate IP transactions. Clients praise the *"excellent quality"* of her work and her understanding of their business models.

David Ives (</uk/person/399615/david-ives>) acts for household-name brands on a wide variety of franchising, licensing and sponsorship arrangements. One source says: *"He is not just a legal adviser but also a genuine commercial adviser."*

Significant clients Cabinet Office/Government Digital Service, CSR, Ineos, Marks & Spencer, Virgin.

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Stephenson Harwood LLP

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- 5 partners
- 10 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Acts for market-leading, global companies in apparel, financial services, luxury goods and pharmaceuticals. Growing profile in multi-jurisdictional trade IP disputes and brand enforcement programmes.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"They are very good at understanding the client's needs - I can't praise them enough."

Work highlights Advised Lego on online anti-counterfeiting operations and trade mark disputes.

Represented GlaxoSmithKline in a cross-border trade mark and unfair competition dispute with Novartis generics subsidiary Sandoz.

Notable practitioners

Alexandra Pygall (</uk/person/396677/alexandra-pygall>) concentrates on commercial IP transactions and anti-counterfeiting campaigns, and has an impressive client following in luxury goods and life sciences. A source describes her as *"commercial, insightful and fast-acting."*


Eifion Morris (</uk/person/516459/eifion-morris>) advises many of the firm's key clients on cross-border trade mark and copyright disputes. Sources say: *"He gives clients advice they understand and he'll think of tactical and strategic next steps that haven't been thought of."*

Peter Taylor (</uk/person/10446/peter-taylor>) focuses mainly on copyright and trade mark litigation, although he also advises on complex licensing agreements and the IP aspects of M&A transactions. Recent engagements have been for leading food, toy and engineering companies.

Significant clients easyGroup, Gap, KPMG, Moët Hennessy, UCB Pharma.

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Wiggin LLP

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- 6 partners
- 12 associates

What the team is known for Dynamic online rights protection practice involved in many of the leading cases in the field. Growing capability in brand management and registration.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"Of all the firms we work with they've definitely impressed us the most with their ability to work with technology and think outside the box."

"Excellent at anti-piracy cases."

Work highlights Acted for Mattel in its Court of Appeal victory over Zynga concerning the client's mark 'Scrabble' and Zynga's 'Scramble' logo, the design of which was ruled to be confusingly similar to Mattel's.

Acts for a series of major US film studios in securing blocking orders against websites offering copyrighted content for streaming or download without permission.


Notable practitioners

Simon Baggs (/uk/person/17101/simon-baggs) is a leading copyright and digital media lawyer and is best known for brand and content enforcement litigation. One source says he is *"very hard-working, cares a lot and thinks very creatively."*

Significant clients Virgin Media, Motion Picture Association, Ministry of Sound, Richemont, Warner Bros.

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Baker Botts UK LLP

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- 2 partners
- 2 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Burgeoning power in designs, patent and trade mark litigation. Also recommended for rights strategy and the IP aspects of commercial and corporate transactions.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"They quickly cut through the fog to give clear and consistent advice."


"Commercially savvy and provide really useful practical advice."

Notable practitioners

Neil Coulson (/uk/person/20852/neil-coulson) advises energy, manufacturing and life sciences companies on IP litigation and strategy. Sources describe him as *"down-to-earth"* and *"very responsive to the needs of the client."*

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Briffa

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- 2 partners
- 8 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Compact specialist firm concentrating on copyright, designs and trade mark law. Recommended for cost-effective, high-quality dispute resolution.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"Always looking for solutions and to take the heat out of a dispute rather than add to it."

"I like their forthright approach to tackling the vagaries of IP law."

Work highlights Acted for Magmatic in a Supreme Court action against PMS International regarding the scope of protection afforded in the UK by a registered Community design.

Representing Cayman Music in a dispute with Blue Mountain Music concerning ownership of song titles written by Bob Marley.


Notable practitioners

Margaret Briffa (/uk/person/12078/margaret-briffa) is a highly respected IP litigator who commands the esteem of peers and has a loyal following amongst her clients. She is described as "*insightful, supportive and extremely knowledgeable.*"

Significant clients Anorak, Chartered Society of Designers, Heathcote & Ivory, Touchtunes, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

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Cooley LLP

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What the team is known for US firm set to make waves in the London market and beyond with IP a key component in its strategy. Already establishing itself as a destination practice for designs, trade mark and life sciences matters.


What's new? Nicholas Bolter joined from Edwards Wildman Palmer in January 2015.

Notable practitioners

Nicholas Bolter (/uk/person/935625/nicholas-bolter) focuses on trade mark, designs and domain name matters and is recommended for prosecution, commercialisation and enforcement. He counts leaders in apparel, luxury goods and internet retail among his clients.

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Dechert LLP

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- 2 partners
- 4 other qualified practitioners

What the team is known for Respected full-service copyright and trade mark offering with a global footprint. Also advises on technology-driven commercial and corporate transactions.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"A relationship in which the dialogue is open and pragmatic."

"A small team but very effective and they also have an international dimension."

Work highlights Won first instance and appeal victories for online retailer Asos in a trade mark infringement dispute with cycle wear maker Assos of Switzerland.


Advised RAFT Trustees Limited on technology transfer and licence agreements with a spin-off entity in relation to developing and marketing treatments for severe skin wounds.

Notable practitioners

Paul Kavanagh (/uk/person/27523/paul-kavanagh) leads the team and handles commercial and contentious matters involving all major IP rights. Sources commend his team management skills and describe him as "*commercially astute as well as technically able.*"

Significant clients PCCW, Alibaba Group, Courtaulds Textiles, Thomas Cook, Travelex.

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Dentons

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- 12 partners
- 24 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Broad IP offering which covers all core rights and commercial and contentious matters. Has a specialisation in advising government agencies on technology-driven transactions.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"I'm impressed by their legal acumen, practical advice and understanding of my business."

"I find them to be knowledgeable, keen to assist, comprehensive and comfortable with thinking laterally."

Work highlights Advised Virgin Atlantic Airways on a partnering arrangement with MBNA to launch Virgin Atlantic branded credit cards as part of the company's loyalty scheme.

Notable practitioners

John Linneker (</uk/person/345815/john-linneker>) handles commercial and contentious work and is best known for trade mark litigation. Sources say he is *"very good at striking the right tone in enforcement and infringement strategy"* and that he *"inspires trust and confidence in his clients."*

Significant clients Anya Hindmarch, Clorox, Department of Energy and Climate Change, Sainsbury's, Total.

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Edwin Coe LLP

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Basic facts about the department

- 3 partners
- 2 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Comprehensive offering with regard to copyright, designs and trade marks. Recommended for licence agreements, rights management and litigation.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"They are very client-focused and take the time to get to know their client's business so they can provide the most tailored services possible."

"They are very approachable and practical, readily making suggestions of alternative approaches to a problem other than purely legal ones."

Work highlights Advised Kout Food Group on the IP aspects of its acquisition of the Little Chef and Happy Eater restaurant brands, and managed the group's trade mark and design portfolios for these and other brands.

Rights management for Copyrights Group, covering properties such as Paddington Bear, Fungus the Bogeyman and Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady.

Notable practitioners

Simon Miles (</uk/person/618672/simon-miles>) leads the firm's IP practice and advises on copyright, designs and trade mark commercialisation, enforcement and prosecution. Clients speak approvingly of his *"high level of experience and business smarts."*

Significant clients FilmOn.com, Global Personals, lastminute.com, Populus, Silvergate Media.

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Farrer & Co LLP

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Basic facts about the department

- 5 partners
- 7 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Venerable practice specialising in copyright, designs and trade marks. Acts for prestigious clients in the arts and heritage, education, media, sports and technology sectors.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"They are pragmatic, direct and understand commercial realities."

"A breath of fresh air."

Work highlights Advised Historic Royal Palaces on the IP aspects of the celebrated 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red' ceramic poppies installation hosted on the grounds of the Tower of London in the autumn of 2014.

Advised Bauer Radio on IP elements of a number of channel carriage arrangements for its brands - which include Absolute, Kiss and Magic - with the BBC, Global and MTV, among others.

Notable practitioners

Peter Wienand (</uk/person/55131/peter-wienand>) leads the firm's IP and commercial team. He concentrates on transactional work for many of the firm's key clients in the arts, education, media and publishing.

Significant clients The Economist, The British Library, The National Gallery, SAGE Group, V&A Museum.

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Gordon Dadds LLP

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Basic facts about the department

- 3 partners
- 1 other qualified lawyer

What the team is known for Esteemed brands, design and copyright practice with an enviable client following in apparel, media, hospitality and leisure. Recommended for brand management, commercial agreements and litigation.

Work highlights Acted for Boxing Brands in a trade mark dispute with Sports Direct concerning the rights to the mark 'Queensberry'.

Advised KPMG on numerous trade mark prosecution, opposition and strategy matters.

Notable practitioners

Jim Dennis (</uk/person/26693/jim-dennis>) leads the firm's IP practice. He concentrates mainly on trade mark law, and advises household-name brands on litigation, oppositions, registration and portfolio management.

Significant clients Clas Ohlson, Dune, Lonza, Penguin Books, Warner Music UK.

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Hansel Henson

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- 2 partners
- 4 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Highly respected boutique with deep expertise in copyright and trade mark law. Particularly deep understanding of IP with respect to digital media.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"They are knowledgeable about the subject matter, communicate promptly and articulately, and are likeable."

"Their services are of high quality and are rendered efficiently."

Work highlights Advised Digital.com on the purchase of its domain name, previously owned by Hewlett-Packard and much sought after.

Notable practitioners

David Hansel (</uk/person/20275/david-hansel>) advises clients large and small on copyright and trade mark issues, and is particularly knowledgeable on IP in the online environment. Sources say he is *"very hard-working and personable."*

Tom Henson (/uk/person/621086/tom-henson)'s practice takes commercial and contentious advice on copyright, trade mark and patent law. Sources laud his "excellent command of the law" and his "considered and thorough" approach to engagements.

Significant clients Berthold Types, Freesat, Gaming Realms, Hillier Bartley, Steinhoff.

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Kemp Little LLP

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little)

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Basic facts about the department

- 7 partners
- 15 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Sophisticated work in all areas of IP, with a particularly impressive expertise in patent law, copyright and database rights. Handles a mix of commercial and contentious matters for leading consumer goods, financial services, life sciences and software companies.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"We have been particularly impressed with their responsiveness and attention to detail."

"They've been fantastic - they really got to grips with managing these large projects."

Work highlights Represented Trayport, a real-time capital markets trading software provider, in a number of copyright infringement and breach of confidence disputes.

Advised Neuralstem, a biotech company developing treatments for motor neurone disease, on several contentious patent matters.

Notable practitioners

Paul Garland (/uk/person/14440/paul-garland) leads the firm's IP and technology litigation department and acts for many of the firm's key clients. Sources describe him as "outstanding" and a "strong team leader."

Rebecca Halford-Harrison (/uk/person/399845/rebecca-halford-harrison) is highly regarded as an IP litigator with a bias towards patent work, and she has a loyal following of clients in cosmetics, food technology and life sciences. One source remarks: "It's almost scary how quick-thinking she is."

Significant clients Coca-Cola Enterprises, Lucozade Ribena Suntory, Wonga, Reckitt Benckiser, Thomson Reuters.

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Macfarlanes LLP

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- 8 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Noted for expertise in brands, particularly in apparel, food and drink, media and sport. Recommended for commercial matters and copyright, trade mark and passing-off litigation.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"They know their IP law inside out and are very pleasant to work with."

"Very down-to-earth and commercial in their advice."

Work highlights Represented 1 Malaysia in a long-running breach of confidence and copyright infringement dispute with Force India concerning the client's Formula 1 car design.

Advised baby-feeding product manufacturer Mayborn on trade mark infringement and passing-off proceedings in Australia and the USA.

Notable practitioners

Geoff Steward (/uk/person/18804/geoff-steward) is a well-respected contentious IP lawyer rated for his expertise in multi-jurisdictional trade mark litigation. Sources say: "He is tremendous with clients and has a good commercial understanding of disputes."

Significant clients Anheuser Busch, DC Thomson, Liverpool FC, Pernod Ricard, Umbro.

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Norton Rose Fulbright

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Basic facts about the department

- 3 partners
- 15 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Sophisticated brand management service which takes in enforcement, licensing, franchising and sponsorship. Also recommended for litigation and technology transfer agreements.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"Excellent to work with - they are easy to deal with and have a practical, problem-solving approach."

Work highlights Advises Prudential on global portfolio management, including trade mark enforcement and domain name matters.

Representing Saab Seaeeye in a patent revocation action against Atlas and ECS concerning shaped charges for underwater mine disposal.

Notable practitioners

Jonathan Ball (/uk/person/367456/jonathan-ball) is a litigator who handles disputes involving all core IP rights. One client says he *"listens to what you're saying and reflects on it,"* adding that *"his written advice is very good."*

Huw Evans (/uk/person/3383/huw-evans) advises clients in the hi-tech, life sciences and software sectors on patent litigation and strategy. Sources say he is *"very pleasant and provides an excellent service."*

Significant clients BP, GlaxoSmithKline, McLaren, Orange, Rio Tinto.

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- 2 partners
- 2 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Dynamic technology-focused firm acting for small and medium-sized businesses, as well as more established global brands. Particularly formidable reputation for litigation.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"Waterfront provided an excellent service which was speedy and directly on target - they are real experts."

"They performed efficiently and in an exemplary manner."

Work highlights Acting for DeLonghi Benelux in a trade mark infringement dispute with John Mills regarding the 'chef' brand used by the client's Kenwood kitchen appliances business.

Represented Guardian Maritime in a patent and design infringement dispute against a number of parties concerning barriers designed to prevent the hijacking of ocean-going vessels.

Notable practitioners

Matthew Harris (/uk/person/15523/matthew-harris) handles a wide variety of contentious and commercial IP matters but is best known as a litigator. One source notes: *"I found his level of skill outstanding and I would certainly use him again."*

Piers Strickland (/uk/person/142419/piers-strickland) is a solicitor advocate with a strong track record in actions before the High Court and IPEC. Sources say: *"He offered clear, reassuring and pragmatic advice and delivered the outcome we had hoped for."*

Significant clients Dot London, Glasses Direct, Herrmann International, Kuhn Audureau, Vertical Leisure.

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Wedlake Bell LLP

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- 6 partners
- 6 other qualified lawyers

What the team is known for Esteemed and all-embracing IP practice, recommended in particular for commercial and contentious work in copyright, database rights, designs and trade marks.

Strengths (Quotes mainly from clients)

"We have looked at other firms but have always preferred Wedlake Bell for their efficiency and professionalism."

"An excellent IP firm."

Work highlights Represented Universal Innovations in an IPEC patent enforcement action concerning patio heaters.

Acting for Hong Kong food company Maxims Caterers in a multi-jurisdictional copyright, trade mark and passing-off dispute concerning the packaging of Chinese mooncakes sold by competitors.

Notable practitioners

Michael Gardner (/uk/person/18726/michael-gardner) leads the IP team and focuses on contentious matters involving all non-patent rights. *"He is a perfect mixture of measured aggressiveness and commercial pragmatism - a top IP litigator,"* say sources.


Clive Thorne (/uk/person/10511/clive-thorne) has all but unmatched experience in handling copyright, database, designs, trade mark and patent disputes. He is much sought after by Asian companies looking for cross-border representation.

Significant clients BMW, Jaeger, Lacoste, Surrey County Cricket Club, Tesco Stores, Which?

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