

PATENTS @ SHOOSMITHS

PATENT EXPERTS

Part of a team of specialist IP lawyers in Birmingham, London and Manchester, our patent experts bring deep sector knowledge to add strategic advantage for clients in a range of technologies. We support clients through all aspects of the product lifecycle from early stage R&D and technology transfer, through market entry and monetisation, to enforcement of patent rights. Clients trust us with their most valuable assets, assisting with complex patent licences and collaboration agreements, as with multi-jurisdictional and precedent-setting litigation.

PATENT LICENSING

We have a team of senior and experienced patent licensing specialists. Our team is experienced in drafting patent licensing agreements to maximise the advantage for clients, across a range of technologies. Recent experience includes:

- Advising a world leader in photonic and connected printing solutions and owner of over 300 patents in relation to its R&D and patent licensing programme with numerous global licensees.
- Advising on an exclusive patent, know-how and software licence relating to artificial intelligence technology, with an option for the licensee to acquire rights in such IP on reaching a certain commercial threshold.

Our team members are also experienced in project managing complex projects, including monetisation programmes to enforce patent and other IP rights against licensees in multiple jurisdictions. We are experienced in patent negotiations and in strategies to maintain confidentiality of terms.

PATENT LITIGATION

We bring strategic advantage to complex patent litigation. If it is necessary to litigate against an 'unwilling licensee', we have extensive practical experience in major disputes.

We have substantial experience litigating in the UK Patents Court, and in appeals to the Court of Appeal, as well as international arbitrations. Team members' experience includes:

- Acting in the largest patent case brought before the UK Patents Court in the field of 3G/4G patents.
- Acting in the most recent and precedent-setting SEP/RAND case before the UK Patents Court, in relation to Digital Subscriber Line technology.
- Leading major life sciences patent and SPC litigation for generics and brand owners.
- Arbitration of global disputes relating to technology.

Reflecting the international nature of much patent litigation, we are also experienced in co-ordinating multi-jurisdictional disputes and cross-border patent litigation.



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Chambers 2019



"Time after time, the quality of their work is perfect."

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WHY CHOOSE US

We speak your language - Many of our lawyers have backgrounds in science, engineering and computing. Our patent experts have spent considerable time working in various industries and are able to work seamlessly with clients to offer practical and pragmatic advice in relation to the protection and exploitation of intellectual property.

Specialist knowledge - We have practical experience in sectors including automotive, advanced manufacturing, telecommunications, med tech and life sciences. Our deep knowledge of wireless communications and other standards-based industries enables us to assist clients in the growing number of smart or digital industries, where they need rights to standard essential patents, understanding of FRAND licensing rules and different litigation strategies. In the highly regulated fields of drug development and medical devices, our expertise includes the registration, regulatory and compliance regimes, as well as patent and SPC actions.

Cost effective models - With patent specialists based in Birmingham and acting on high-profile matters, clients can draw on market-leading advice at favourable rates. Our London office enables us to operate seamlessly from London as needed, for example to meet expert witnesses flying in from overseas or to attend court hearings. For products whose value may be lower, we can offer additional strategies using the Intellectual Property and Enterprise Court (IPEC), where we also have experience of patent litigation.

IP Fixed™ - Unlike most law firms in the UK, we will fix the costs of patent litigation to give your business more certainty. Our extensive IP litigation experience gives us the ability to provide realistic scoping and agree fixed fees for different stages of the dispute resolution process, and in some cases even to trial.

KEY CONTACTS



Andrew Brennan | Partner | IP Team

Andrew leads Shoosmiths' national IP team. He specialises in all areas of IP law but has a particular focus on technology development and commercialisation and patent litigation. He is recommended as a leading individual, in both Chambers and Legal 500, and is described as "proactive and pragmatic" and someone "who knows his IP".



Victoria Bentley | Partner | IP Team

Expert in relation to issues facing clients moving into 'smart' or digital industry, Victoria is praised by clients for her strategic thinking. With 15 years' experience, she has a strong specialism in patent litigation as well as other IP issues in relation to technology. Victoria has also led major life sciences patent litigation and acted in global arbitration. She has co-ordinated multi-jurisdictional actions across Europe as well as working closely with co-counsel in the USA.



Nichola Jenkins | Legal Director | IP Team

Nichola specialises in a range of intellectual property agreements including licences, research and development agreements, manufacturing agreements, university spin-outs across a range of sectors including automotive, manufacturing, and healthcare. As a qualified manufacturing engineer, Nichola has spent significant time working in-house with a leading software provider and working as an integral part of the R&D team of Jaguar Land Rover.