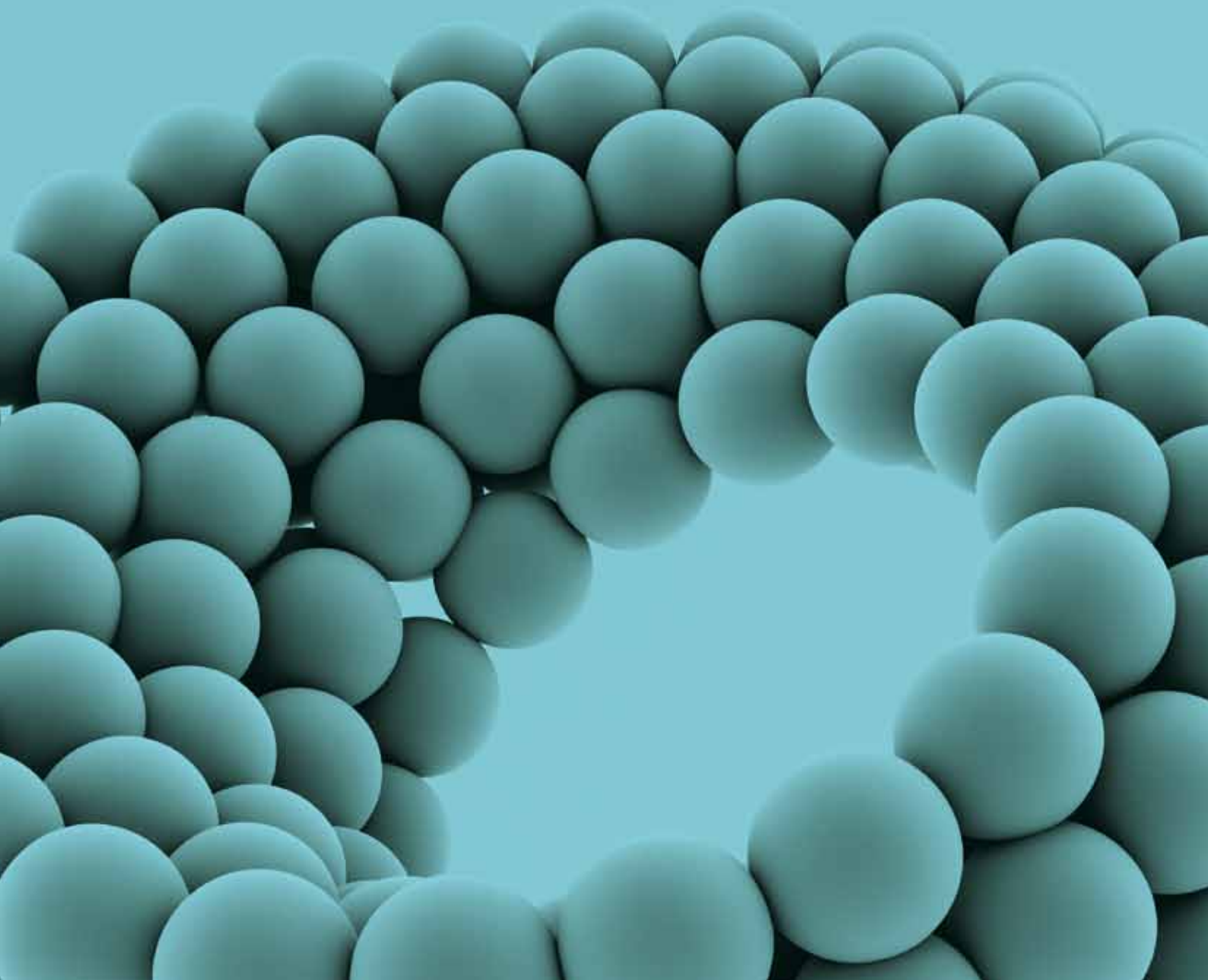


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Professional Experience

Philip joined the firm in 1988 and became a Partner in 1998. Whilst studying for his degree in Oxford, he spent a year researching ultrafast laser-induced electron spin resonance techniques. He also completed a course in Quantum Chemistry.

Philip handles patent matters before the UK and European Patent Offices in all areas of in all areas of chemistry, including pharmaceuticals, polymers, petrochemistry, pigments, electronic materials, photoimaging and food technology. He has substantial experience in representing clients in EPO opposition and appeal proceedings. Philip also maintains a thriving trade mark practice with clients inter alia in the retail, packaging, medical, chemical and civil engineering sectors. He is a frequent visitor to the INTA, ECTA and Marques conferences.



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Professional Experience

Derek Matthews joined the firm in 1984 and became a Partner in 1995.

Derek handles patent work in all types of chemical fields and has acted in recent years in the pharmaceutical and animal health areas, fluoropolymers and fluorochemicals, fuel additives, biocides and building materials. He has acted for clients in a number of multi-party EPO opposition matters, including several run in parallel with UK High Court litigation.



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Professional Experience

Roberto joined the firm in 1985 and became a Partner in 1996. He handles both patent and trade mark matters and is the Head of the firm's Trade Marks Group.

Roberto has substantial trade mark experience and has a client base covering a range of commercial areas, including chemistry, pharmaceuticals, engineering, lighting, clothing and fashion, publishing and media, telecommunications and financial services. He is listed in the "Managing Intellectual Property Guide to the World's Leading Trade Mark Practitioners".

In relation to patent matters, Roberto prosecutes patent applications in all areas of chemistry, with particular emphasis on materials, polymers and alloys.



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Professional Experience

Louise Golding joined the firm in 1990 and became a partner in 2002. Her studies at Oxford included a year's research in quantum physics.

Louise handles patent work in all areas of chemistry including pharmaceuticals, medical methods and devices, petrochemicals, polymers and beverages. Her clients range from Universities and start-ups to multi-national corporations. Louise has many long term clients in Scandinavia, in particular in Norway.

Louise has considerable experience in patent drafting for a number of direct clients and routinely provides advice on IP strategy. She also has many years of experience in handling prosecution of patents in a diverse range of chemical fields, but especially in the area of pharmaceuticals. For several clients Louise's work also involves the preparation of due diligence reports for potential investors and providing advice on freedom-to-operate issues.

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Professional Experience

Rebecca Gardner joined the firm in 1994 and became a Partner in 2002. Her practice is focused on portfolio development for SME's, drafting and prosecuting their patent applications as well as advising on related transactions and commercial strategy. She also handles contentious matters, defending granted rights in EPO proceedings and advising on infringement of those patents; on the other side of the fence, she advises on the monitoring and impact on her client's activities of third party rights. Experience obtained through worldwide prosecution of numerous patent families enables her to advise on filing and examination strategies and draft specifications with multiple jurisdictions in mind.

Rebecca has been involved with innovations in the fields of pharmaceutical and veterinary science, agrosience, human and animal nutrition, cosmetics, microbiology and virology and research and analytical tools. More specifically, she has drafted and prosecuted patent applications for newly identified genes and proteins, for techniques of nucleic acid isolation, manipulation and characterisation, to novel medical uses of known compounds and developments in disease diagnosis, to wood preservative formulations, therapeutically relevant peptides, genetically modified microorganisms and modified viruses and stem cell technology.



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Membership of Professional Bodies

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Professional Experience

Annabel joined the firm in 1994 and became a Partner in 2002. She prosecutes patent applications in all areas of chemistry, including pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals, blood products, printer inks, and personal care products. She has also handled a number of applications for Supplementary Protection Certificates. Annabel also has significant experience of opposition cases at the European Patent Office.



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Professional Experience

Neil joined the firm in 1995 and became a Partner in 2003. Whilst studying for his degree in Oxford, he spent a year working for Professor George Fleet researching muscarinic analogues of the sugar L-rhamnose. He also completed a course in Chemical Pharmacology as part of his studies.

Neil handles work in various technical fields. Neil has particular knowledge of Polymer Chemistry, especially in polyethylene and polypropylene manufacture and formulation. Neil also has considerable experience in the drafting, prosecution and litigation of pharmaceutical patents. Other fields in which Neil has experience are as diverse as solid phase supports for biotechnological assays, X-ray contrast agents, marine paints and artificial stone to breakfast cereals, photographic chemicals, peptides and petrochemicals.

Neil is a regular traveller to Scandinavia, in particular Norway, where he deals with clients from University Professors and small start up companies through to large multinational corporates. He has also represented his clients in many opposition and appeal hearings before the EPO.



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Professional Experience

Chris joined the firm in 1999 after completing his studies at Cambridge University. Whilst at Cambridge he carried out an undergraduate research project into the use of Catalytic Antibodies in organic synthesis, and later became a postgraduate Research Associate at the University Chemical Laboratories, where he was involved in the development of a Solid-Phase Multiple-Parallel Synthesis Platform in collaboration with PE Biosystems, California.

Chris became an Associate of the firm in 2004. He handles patent work for a variety of clients from sole-inventors and small biotech companies to multinational corporations. A considerable proportion of his work originates from clients in Scandinavia. Chris provides patent drafting, filing, international prosecution and advice services and has experience in oppositions and appeals before the EPO. Chris works with inventions from a broad range of chemical technologies including organic chemistry, polymers, fluorochemicals, pharmaceuticals, in vivo delivery formulations and diagnostic assays. He has also been involved in litigation work in the UK and elsewhere.

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Professional Experience

Sara de Bresser (née Kidd) graduated from the University of Strathclyde in 1998 with an Honours Degree in Forensic and Analytical Chemistry. As part of her course, she spent over a year in the Netherlands, working on research projects at the University of Utrecht and Philips Research. Since then, Sara obtained a PhD from the University of Cambridge for her work in the field of main-group organometallic chemistry. She joined the firm in 2001, and became an Associate in 2008.

Sara prosecutes patent applications in all areas of chemistry, including polymers, pharmaceuticals, diagnostic assays, water treatment, catalysts and hydrocarbon processing. She also drafts and files new patent applications in these areas as well as advising clients on other aspects of patent law, including infringement and validity.



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Professional Experience

Ben joined the firm in 2005 and became an associate in 2010.

Whilst at the University of Oxford, he gained research experience in synthetic organometallic chemistry, and later completed his DPhil in computational modelling of reactive organometallic complexes. He also has research experience in other areas, including yeast genetics.

Ben handles patent work in all areas of chemistry, including petrochemicals, polymer compositions, electronic components, materials and wood preservative technologies. His clients range from Universities and small companies to multi-national corporations.

He has experience in all aspects of patent work, including drafting applications and managing prosecution of international patent portfolios, advising on infringement and validity, and in particular handling oppositions and appeals before the European Patent Office.



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Membership of Professional Bodies

Royal Society of Chemistry

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Professional Experience

Catherine graduated from the University of Oxford in 1999 with a Masters Degree in Chemistry, having been awarded the University Turbutt Prize for practical organic chemistry. Catherine obtained a PhD at the Royal Institution of Great Britain and University College, London for research in the field of solid-state chemistry and subsequently researched Hydrogen Storage Materials as part of the UK Sustainable Hydrogen Energy Consortium.

Catherine joined the firm in 2006 and has the Certificate in IP Law from Queen Mary College, London (2007). Catherine qualified as a UK and European Patent Attorney in 2010, and as a UK and European Trade Mark Attorney in 2011.

Catherine handles patent work in the chemical field, and has experience of handling trade mark portfolios for a variety of clients, for example in the fields of food and drink, publishing and entertainment.



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Professional Experience

Stephen graduated from the University of Cambridge in 2001 with a First Class MSci in Natural Sciences (specialising in biological and organic chemistry). He has since been awarded a PhD by the University of Cambridge for research into mechanisms of antibiotic production in bacteria. He holds a Certificate in Intellectual Property Law from Queen Mary College, University of London and is a qualified European Patent Attorney and UK Patent Attorney. Stephen handles work in various technical fields including organic chemistry, biotechnology, molecular biology, pharmaceuticals, drug design and medical diagnostics.

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Professional Experience

Michael Stott graduated from the University of York in 2007 with a First Class Masters Degree in Chemistry. He was awarded the department's 'ICI prize' for the result of his third year examinations. As part of his degree Michael spent a year working in the research laboratories of GlaxoSmithKline, conducting research within respiratory and inflammatory therapeutic areas.

After graduating he spent a further 9 months conducting research within GSK's Neurology department before joining the firm in 2008.



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Professional Experience

Isabel graduated from Trinity College Dublin in 2004, after being elected to Scholarship of the University, with a First Class Honours degree in Natural Sciences (specialising in Chemistry).

She has since obtained a Ph.D for her research into the chemistry of β -sulfonylenamines from Trinity College Dublin and holds the Postgraduate Certificate in Intellectual Property Law from Brunel University. Isabel is fluent in German and joined the firm in 2008.



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Professional Qualifications

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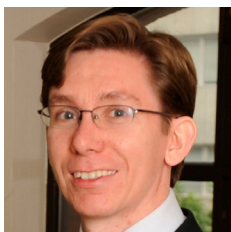
Membership of Professional Bodies

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Professional Experience

Jennifer graduated from The University of Edinburgh in 2005 with a First Class Masters Degree in Chemistry. In her penultimate and final years, she was awarded the Gillies Prize for obtaining the highest overall mark and was also awarded the Stephenson Prize for the best final year Research Project. Jennifer subsequently obtained a PhD, also from The University of Edinburgh, for her research into the potential application of novel bioorganometallic complexes as anticancer agents.

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Professional Experience

Alexander graduated from the University of Oxford in 2006 with a first-class Master of Chemistry degree, including options in heterocyclic chemistry and German and a research project in spin chemistry. He subsequently remained at Oxford to study for a D.Phil in the field of biophysical chemistry, researching the effect of magnetic fields on photochemical electron transfer processes in blue-light sensing flavoproteins. As part of this research he also spent time at the Université Paris VI working on the expression of the protein Arabidopsis cryptochrome 1.

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