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#### Education

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#### Professional Qualifications

UK Registered Patent Attorney, 1987

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#### Membership of Professional Bodies

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys

European Patent Institute

#### Professional Experience

Alex Piésold joined the firm in 1982 and became a partner in 1993. He handles work in a number of engineering fields, including automotive engineering, fuel cells, ventilation appliances, fluid mechanics, gas separators, medical devices, pharmaceutical containers and packaging, construction and building technology, offshore structures, sub sea electrical and optical connectors, and electroosmotic pumps and mixers. Alex also advises clients in relation to the protection of their designs.

Alex's extensive experience includes advising direct clients such as university spin out companies on developing their intellectual property and patent portfolios, as well as advising more established direct clients on IP matters. His clients also include multinational corporations. He drafts and prosecutes patent applications and advises on freedom to operate issues. He also handles European opposition work including the presentation of cases at opposition and appeal hearings.

Alex is a regular visitor to Japan where he provides a number of the firm's Japanese clients with advice on UK and European patent and design practice. He is also a regular attendee at the annual meeting of the Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA).



## Michael Butler

### Senior Partner

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#### Education

MA, Magdalene College, University of Cambridge, Physics and Materials Science

Diploma in Intellectual Property Litigation, University of London

#### Professional Qualifications

UK Registered Patent Attorney, 1977

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Registered Trade Mark Attorney, 1990

#### Membership of Professional Bodies

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys

Member of the Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys

Certified Patent Agent Litigator

European Patent Institute

#### Professional Experience

Mike Butler joined the firm in 1973 and qualified as a patent attorney in 1977, winning the Gill Prize. He became a partner in 1980. Having lived in Oxfordshire since 1982, he was one of the founders of the Oxford office in 2002 and is based there principally, working for SME's and universities in the region in addition to his other national and international clients. He was appointed senior partner of the firm in 2010 and also spends time in the London office.

Michael works on patents in physics, engineering and computer related fields, and also handles trade mark and design cases. He is a graduate of the University of Cambridge where he studied physics and materials science under a scholarship from Marconi, with whom he had a pre-university placement for a year. He has a Diploma in Intellectual Property Litigation from Birkbeck College, University of London, and is certified to conduct intellectual property litigation in the higher courts. He has been involved in several actions in the courts and is experienced at negotiating settlements in patent, design and trade mark cases.



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European Patent Attorney, 1992  
Registered Trade Mark Attorney, 1994

### **Membership of Professional Bodies**

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys  
European Patent Institute

### **Professional Experience**

David Leckey joined the firm in 1989 and became a Partner in 1996. After graduating from the University of Bristol, he spent two years in post-graduate training with Lucas Aerospace, and then six years as an Examiner in the UK Patent Office.

David was awarded the Strode Prize by the UK Chartered Institute of Patent Agents, for his performance in the Final Examinations. He handles engineering patent work, as well as registered and unregistered design work.



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### **Education**

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### **Professional Qualifications**

UK Registered Patent Attorney, 1993  
European Patent Attorney, 1992  
UK Registered Trade Mark Attorney, 1994  
Professional Representative before OHIM, 1995

### **Membership of Professional Bodies**

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys  
Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys  
European Patent Institute

### **Professional Experience**

Alison Hague joined the firm in 1987 and became a Partner in 1998. She handles patent work in engineering fields, particularly mechanical engineering, robotics and control systems and also practises in designs.

She manages all aspects of international trade mark portfolios in a wide range of fields including entertainment, merchandising and fashion. She provides strategic advice regarding trade mark protection and has substantial experience in handling trade mark applications and oppositions before the United Kingdom and Community trade mark offices and in numerous other territories through local firms of overseas associates.

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### **Education**

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### **Professional Qualifications**

UK Registered Patent Attorney, 1996

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European Patent Attorney, 1996

Professional Representative before OHIM, 1996

### **Membership of Professional Bodies**

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys

European Patent Institute

### **Professional Experience**

John joined the firm in 1991 and became a Partner in 1999. At Cambridge he studied physics and materials science with options in electronics, microelectronics and optical materials. He was awarded the Strode Prize by the Chartered Institute of Patent Agents for his performance in the Institute's final examinations.

John drafts and prosecutes patent applications in all areas of high technology, including electronics, microelectronics and microprocessors, computing, software, telecommunications, optics and other physics and engineering fields. He also regularly advises on infringement and validity of patents in these fields and on related issues, including the exploitation and use of intellectual property rights. John has particular experience in advising on patents relating to telecommunications standards and has been heavily involved in licensing negotiations relating to patents alleged to be essential to standards.

John has also been heavily involved in a number of major telecommunications cases, including litigation of patents concerning the GPRS standard and mobile email systems. John also has particular interest and experience in assisting and advising SMEs, new and start-up companies in high technology industries both in the UK and Europe. This includes developing intellectual property portfolios, exploiting intellectual property assets and addressing the intellectual property of competitors.



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### **Education**

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BSc, University of Durham, Physics, 1990

### **Professional Qualifications**

UK Registered Patent Attorney

European Patent Attorney

Patent Agent Litigator

Certificate in IP Law, University of London

### **Membership of Professional Bodies**

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys

European Patent Institute

Member of the Council and Chairman of the Press and Public Relations Committee of the Chartered

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### **Professional Experience**

Robert Jackson joined the firm in 1990 and became a partner in 2001. He handles patent work in a wide range of technical fields for clients ranging from individuals and small start-up companies to major multinationals. A major proportion of his work is original patent drafting and advice work for direct clients both in the UK and in Scandinavia where he has many clients. Robert also handles patent and design enforcement and litigation matters.



### **Philip Jeffrey**

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#### **Education**

BSc Hons (First Class), Southampton University, Physics, 1991  
PhD, Southampton University, "Holographic Information Processing", 1994

#### **Professional Qualifications**

European Patent Attorney, 1998  
UK Registered Patent Attorney, 1999

#### **Membership of Professional Bodies**

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys  
European Patent Institute

#### **Professional Experience**

Philip joined the firm in 1994 and became a Partner in 2002. He regularly drafts patent applications and has particular experience prosecuting patent applications in high technology physics and engineering fields including mass spectrometry, oil drilling and exploration, DVDs, holography, lasers and optical communication systems.

In addition to extensive UK and EPO drafting and patent prosecution experience, Philip has experience in UK revocation and post-grant proceedings and in EPO Opposition and Appeal hearings. Philip also has a significant amount of experience effectively prosecuting US patent applications including US Examiner interviews. He also regularly provides infringement, validity and due diligence advice, particularly for SMEs.



### **Matthew Hall**

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#### **Education**

BA Hons, University of Oxford, Metallurgy and Science of Materials, 1991  
MSc, University of London, Management of Intellectual Property, 1992

#### **Professional Qualifications**

UK Registered Patent Attorney, 1997  
European Patent Attorney, 1997

#### **Membership of Professional Bodies**

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys  
European Patent Institute

#### **Professional Experience**

Matthew Hall joined the firm in 1992. He handles a wide range of patent and design work across various engineering sectors. He advises clients in the fields of construction, automotive, finance, lighting, entertainment, medical devices and children's toys. His work has particular emphasis in the aeronautical industry in relation to gas turbine engines and in areas of mechanical engineering concerning new alloys and coatings.

Matt drafts and prosecutes patent applications in these areas of technology. He also regularly advises on infringement and validity, due diligence and freedom to operate. Matt has extensive experience in protecting inventions for private individuals and small enterprises.

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### **Education**

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### **Professional Qualifications**

UK Registered Patent Attorney, 2002

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Chartered Patent Attorney

European Patent Attorney, 2002

Certificate in IP Law, University of London, 2000

### **Membership of Professional Bodies**

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys

European Patent Institute

### **Professional Experience**

Katherine joined the firm in 1999 and became a Partner in 2011. She handles patent work in the physics, engineering and electronics fields, as well as design work. She has considerable experience of handling opposition and appeal work before the European Patent Office.

Based in the Brighton office, Katherine works for SMEs, start up companies, individual inventors and universities as well as multi-national companies. Katherine is involved with providing support to the local SEEDA Enterprise Hubs, and has given workshops raising IP awareness. She is a regular attendee at the UNICO conferences for technology transfer professionals.



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BA, University of Oxford, Engineering Science, 1991

### **Professional Qualifications**

UK Chartered Patent Attorney,

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### **Membership of Professional Bodies**

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys

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### **Professional Experience**

Jason worked as an Examiner at the UK Patent Office before joining the firm in 1994.

He handles patent work in various engineering fields for clients ranging from individuals to multinationals, and particularly specializes in automotive engineering, photography, optics and image handling, and packaging. He also deals with UK and European design cases.

**Andrew Chiva****Associate****Email** achiva@dehns.com**Tel** +44 (0)20 7632 7200**Education**

MSci (First Class), Imperial College, London, Physics, 2001

**Professional Qualifications**

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 2006

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Certificate in IP Law, University of London, 2003

**Membership of Professional Bodies**

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys

European Patent Institute

**Professional Experience**

Andrew joined the firm in 2002 and became an associate in 2007. At university he studied physics with options including electronics, semiconductors, solid state physics, optical physics and mechanics. He was awarded the Strode Prize and the Gill Prize by the Chartered Institute of Patent Agents for his performance in the Institute's final examinations.

Andrew drafts and prosecutes patent applications in all areas of high technology, including electronics, telecommunications, software, optics, mass spectrometry and other fields of physics. He also works in a wide range of engineering fields, including oil drilling systems, building construction, optical projectors, containers, aircraft engines and sanitary products.

Andrew advises on infringement and validity of patents in the above fields. He also has extensive experience in oppositions and appeals before the European Patent Office.

**Stephen Gardiner****Associate****Email** sgardiner@dehns.com**Tel** +44 (0)20 7632 7200**Education**

MPhys, University of Oxford, Physics, 2001

**Professional Qualifications**

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 2007

European Patent Attorney, 2007

Certificate in IP Law, University of London, 2002

**Membership of Professional Bodies**

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys

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**Professional Experience**

Stephen joined the firm in 2001 after graduating with a Masters degree in Physics from the University of Oxford. Stephen became an Associate of the firm in 2008.

Stephen handles work in various engineering, physics and computer related fields including electronic and medical devices, signal processing, ventilation equipment, renewable energy sources, fuel cells, gas turbines and various automotive and construction technologies. As well as prosecuting patent applications, Stephen's work includes drafting and filing new patent applications and handling international patent portfolios for clients in the UK and Europe as well as providing advice on patenting strategy and other areas of patent law, including infringement and validity. Stephen also handles registered design work in both the UK and Europe.

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**Education**

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Mechanical and Materials Engineering, 2003

**Professional Qualifications**

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 2007  
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European Patent Attorney, 2007  
Certificate in IP Law, University of London, 2004

**Membership of Professional Bodies**

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys  
European Patent Institute

**Professional Experience**

Adam joined the firm in 2003 and qualified as a UK and European patent attorney in 2007. He handles filing and prosecution of patent applications relating to technologies in a variety of engineering fields, including automotive engineering, electronics, fuel cells, fluid mechanics, gas turbine components and materials, heat and power production/distribution, mechanical engineering and medical devices. Adam's work includes patent drafting and advice for companies based in the UK and in Scandinavia. He manages the prosecution of international patent portfolios for his clients. He also works on Oppositions and Appeals before the European Patent Office.

In addition to patent work, Adam advises in connection with registration and enforcement of UK and European Community Registered Designs and related unregistered rights.

Prior to joining Dehns Adam worked for the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence, who sponsored him during his time at university, and where he gained experience in a wide range of defence and manufacturing industries.



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**Education**

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**Professional Qualifications**

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 2008  
European Patent Attorney, 2007  
Certificate in IP Law, University of London, 2004

**Membership of Professional Bodies**

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys  
European Patent Institute

**Professional Experience**

Laura joined the firm in 2003 and became an Associate in 2009. She graduated with a first class Master of Science degree in Physics and in her Masters project she fabricated and characterised piezoelectric nanotubes.

Laura handles patent work in various fields spanning physics, engineering and materials science, including spectrometry, optical/magnetic media, renewable energy, electrochemical materials, medical devices, electromechanical controls and oil/gas exploration. She drafts and prosecutes both UK and European patent applications in these fields.

Laura can advise on all aspects of patent law including worldwide patent filing strategies, enforcement of patents in Europe and issues of infringement and validity. Laura is regularly involved in opposition and appeal proceedings before the European Patent Office.

Laura acts for small and medium sized companies as well as universities and large corporate entities. She takes a pragmatic approach with a focus on client care.



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#### **Education**

BSc Hons (First Class), University of Leeds, Physics, 2000  
MSc (Distinction), University of Leeds, Distributed  
Multimedia Systems, 2001

#### **Professional Qualifications**

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 2007  
European Patent Attorney, 2008  
Certificate in IP Law, University of London, 2003

#### **Membership of Professional Bodies**

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys  
European Patent Institute  
Associate Member of The Institute of Physics

#### **Professional Experience**

Sally Magrath joined the firm in 2002 having graduated with both a First Class Honours Degree in Physics and an MSc (Distinction) in Distributed Multimedia Systems from the University of Leeds.

Her studies included constructing a flux-gate magnetometer and developing a web-based simulator on the Java platform. Before joining Dehns she worked for a time as a Research Assistant in the School of Computing, University of Leeds.

Sally has the Certificate in Intellectual Property Law from Queen Mary College, University of London, and is both a Chartered Patent Attorney and a European Patent Attorney. She handles work in various engineering, physics and computer related fields.



## **James Hull**

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#### **Education**

BSc (Hons), University of Bristol, Physics, 1999

#### **Professional Qualifications**

European Patent Attorney, 2011  
UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 2010  
Certificate in IP Law, Brunel University, 2007

#### **Membership of Professional Bodies**

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys  
European Patent Institute

#### **Professional Experience**

James is a graduate of the University of Bristol, where he studied physics. He spent over four years as an Examiner in the UK Patent Office, handling applications in both mechanical and electrical subject matter. He joined the firm in 2006 and handles patent work in various physics and engineering fields.

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