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Professional Qualifications

UK Registered Patent Attorney, 1978

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Professional Experience

Kerry acquired a wide practical knowledge of engineering and electronics from an early age, and has followed the development of the science of electronics from the use of vacuum tubes, through semiconductors and integrated circuits, to computing and digital communications.

Before attending university he worked in computer programming at the Royal Aircraft Establishment. He took the Cambridge scholarship papers in Engineering and was awarded an open exhibition at Jesus College. There he transferred to Natural Sciences, concentrating on solid state, electronics and advanced physics.

He joined the firm in 1972, and apart from a seven-year term as the firm's Managing Partner, has focussed primarily on EPO patent prosecution. Kerry has filed and prosecuted in excess of 1000 European patent applications and 50 oppositions and appeals. He has a strong reputation for this work, having been described by The Lawyer as "the patent agent for law firms to poach...for electronic patent prosecution".



Michael Butler
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Education

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

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Professional Qualifications

UK Registered Patent Attorney, 1977

European Patent Attorney, 1978

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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Education

BSc, Southampton University, Physics, 1980

Professional Qualifications

UK Registered Patent Attorney, 1984

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European Patent Attorney, 1985

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Membership of Professional Bodies

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys

European Patent Institute

Professional Experience

Chris Davies joined the firm in 1980 and became a partner in 1987. He has a degree in Physics from Southampton University. He was awarded the Gill prize on qualifying as a patent attorney, for achieving the highest marks in the country. He is a certified patent attorney litigator and can therefore conduct litigation in all the higher courts in the UK. He handles mainly patent work in the physics, engineering, electronics and telecommunications fields, as well as design and industrial copyright work. He handles many contentious matters as well as infringement/validity opinions.

Chris specialises in EPO oppositions and appeals, and typically represents clients in twenty to thirty opposition and appeal hearings each year. This makes him one of the most experienced EPO practitioners in the UK. His success rate in these proceedings is extremely high. In recent years he has successfully represented major clients such as Kimberly-Clark, Medtronic and Du Pont in opposition and appeal proceedings involving some of their high profile and important patents, a number of which have been litigated in parallel in the national courts. The technical fields of such cases include disposable nappies, tissues, health care, paper making, printing and medical products. He has also been heavily involved in a number of major telecommunications cases, including litigation of patents concerning the GPRS standard and concerning mobile email systems. Chris has also given evidence as an expert witness in UK court proceedings on the issue of patent amendment.



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Education

BEng, University of London, Electronics and

Electrical Engineering, 1989

LLB, University of London, Law, 2000

LLM, Nottingham University, Intellectual Property

Litigation, 2004

Professional Qualifications

UK Registered Patent Attorney, 1994

European Patent Attorney, 1994

UK Registered Trade Mark Attorney, 1994

Professional Representative before OHIM, 1996

Membership of Professional Bodies

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys

Patentanwaltskammer, Germany

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Professional Experience

Andrea Hughes joined the firm in 1989 and became a Partner in 2000. She handles patent work in the electronics and mechanical engineering fields.

Andrea has particular experience in advising on and prosecuting European Patents in the field of medical devices. She also handles trade marks in various fields, including medical technology and publications.

Andrea heads our Munich office and has considerable experience in representing clients at Oral Proceedings before the EPO Examining, Opposition and Appeal Divisions.

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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

LLM and Post-Graduate Certificate, Intellectual Property Litigation, Nottingham Law School

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.



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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.



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Professional Qualifications

UK Registered Patent Attorney, 1999
European Patent Attorney, 1999

Membership of Professional Bodies

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Professional Experience

Adrian joined the firm in 1995 and became a Partner in 2003. He handles work in various technical fields including ultrasonic interfaces, control systems for domestic appliances, computer data storage and various areas of physics such as optics, optical fibre sensors and magnetics.

Adrian also has a significant practice in electronics both at systems level and component level; and in computer-implemented inventions, mainly for smaller companies in areas which have included telecommunications, software design, mathematical modelling and microprocessor design and computer games.

Adrian has extensive experience of drafting original patent applications for direct clients and in advising them on IP as part of their strategy for growth. He also has experience in contentious matters including European oppositions and UK and overseas litigation.

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Education

MA (First Class), University of Oxford, Physics, 1999

Professional Qualifications

UK Registered Patent Attorney, 2002

(Awarded Gill Prize for first place overall and Strode Prize in Practice Paper)

Chartered Patent Attorney

European Patent Attorney, 2002

Certificate in IP Law, University of London, 2000

Membership of Professional Bodies

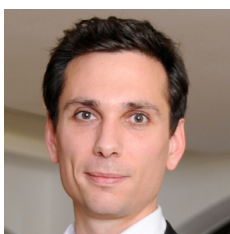
Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys

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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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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.



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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

European Patent Institute

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

MEng (First Class), University of Cambridge,
Mechanical and Materials Engineering, 2003

Professional Qualifications

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 2007

(Awarded the Gill Prize for best overall performance)

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

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.



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Professional Qualifications

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 2010

European Patent Attorney, 2010

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Membership of Professional Bodies

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Professional Experience

Tim graduated with a degree in Mathematics from the University of Oxford in 2001. He then spent five years working for Sharp Corporation where he developed new technologies for the consumer-electronics market. He joined Dehns in 2006 and handles inventions in the fields of engineering and business methods, with a particular emphasis on electronics and computer-related inventions.



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Education

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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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Professional Qualifications

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

Membership of Professional Bodies

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys
European Patent Institute

Professional Experience

Catherine graduated from Imperial College London in 2003 with a First Class Master of Science Degree in Physics. In 2006 she completed a PhD in High Energy Physics, also at Imperial, studying interactions between protons and electrons at the HERA particle accelerator in Germany. Catherine joined the firm in 2006 and handles work in various engineering and physics fields.



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BSc (Hons), Keele University, Physics with Astrophysics, 2007

Professional Qualifications

Certificate in IP Law, University of London, 2009

Membership of Professional Bodies

Student Member of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys

Professional Experience

Greg joined the firm as a Technical Assistant in 2007, shortly after graduating from Keele University with a degree in Physics with Astrophysics. His course covered areas such as solid state physics, particle physics, cosmology and the evolution of binary stars. He is based in the Munich office and handles work in various engineering and physics fields.



Mark Bell
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Education

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DPhil, University of Oxford, Particle Physics, 2007

Professional Qualifications

European Patent Attorney, 2011
Certificate in IP Law, Brunel University, 2008

Membership of Professional Bodies

Associate Member of The Institute of Physics
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Student Member of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys

Professional Experience

Mark Bell joined the firm in 2007 having graduated from the University of Oxford with a First Class Master of Physics degree in 2003. He then went on to complete a DPhil in Particle Physics. His DPhil involved studying the decay of charm particles using the ZEUS detector on the HERA particle accelerator in Hamburg, which helped give insights into the quark and gluon structure of the proton. Mark handles patent work in a variety of engineering and physics fields.

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Education

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Professional Qualifications

European Patent Attorney, 2011
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Membership of Professional Bodies

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Professional Experience

Thomas graduated in 2006 with a First Class Honours Degree in Engineering Science from the University of Oxford. After his studies he spent a year as an electronics engineer for QinetiQ Ltd before joining the firm in 2007. He handles patent work in various physics and engineering fields.



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Education

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Professional Qualifications

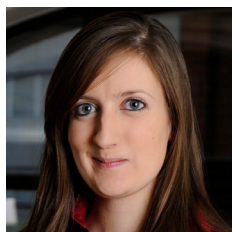
Certificate in IP Law, Brunel University, 2009

Membership of Professional Bodies

Student Member of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys

Professional Experience

Alex Gittins joined the firm in 2008 after graduating from Imperial College London with a Master in Science degree in Physics. During his final year he specialised in Lasers, Biophysics and Optical Communications and completed a computational research project investigating Monte-Carlo Simulation in the financial markets. His previous work experience includes a gap year and three summers at QinetiQ Ltd as a research scientist in the military radar group. He handles patent work in various physics and engineering fields.



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Education

MEng (First Class), University of Oxford, Materials Science, 2009

Professional Qualifications

Certificate in IP Law, Brunel University, 2010

Membership of Professional Bodies

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Professional Experience

Jennifer joined the firm in 2009, shortly after graduating from Oxford University with a First Class Master of Engineering Degree in Materials Science. Her fourth year research project focused on glazing in water soluble polymer films used to encapsulate consumer products.



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Education

MPhys (First Class), University of Manchester, Physics, 2006
PhD, University of Cambridge, Physics, 2010

Professional Qualifications

Certificate in IP Law, Brunel University, 2011

Membership of Professional Bodies

Associate Member of the Institute of Physics
Student Member of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys

Professional Experience

Samuel joined the firm in 2010 after graduating with a First Class Honours degree in Physics from the University of Manchester. In 2010 he obtained a PhD in Physics from the University of Cambridge, where he worked in collaboration with Toshiba Research Europe Ltd focussing on semiconductor quantum dots and related technologies and their uses for quantum information processing applications.

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