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MA, Oxford University, Natural Sciences (Chemistry), 1985

Professional Qualifications

European Patent Attorney, 1991
UK Registered Trade Mark Attorney, 1991
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Professional Representative before OHIM, 1995

Membership of Professional Bodies

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys
Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys
European Communities Trademark Association
International Trademark Association
European Patent Institute

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.



Michael Butler
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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
European Patent Attorney, 1978
Registered Trade Mark Attorney, 1990
Certified Patent Agent Litigator

Membership of Professional Bodies

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys
Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys
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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Professional Qualifications

European Patent Attorney, 1992

UK Registered Patent Attorney, 1993

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

MA, University of Oxford, Natural Sciences (Chemistry), 1988

Professional Qualifications

European Patent Attorney, 1993

UK Registered Patent Attorney, 1994

Registered UK Trade Mark Attorney, 1994

Professional Representative before OHIM, 1995

Membership of Professional Bodies

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys

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European Communities Trademark Association

International Trademark Association

European Patent Institute

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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Education

BSc (Hons), University of Surrey, Law and French, 1996

Professional Qualifications

UK Registered Trade Mark Attorney, 2002

Professional Representative before OHIM, 2002

Membership of Professional Bodies

Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys

International Trademark Association

European Communities Trademark Association

Association of European Trade Mark Owners (Marques)

Professional Experience

Elaine joined the firm in 1996. In 2000 she received the Adrian Spencer Memorial Award for achieving first place in the Advanced Trade Mark Law Examination. Elaine became a partner in 2007.

Elaine has extensive experience of handling all aspects of UK and European Community trade mark clearance, prosecution and enforcement, including advising on and implementing searching and filing strategies, dealing with official objections, oppositions and cancellation/invalidity proceedings, and advising in the areas of infringement and passing-off. She also has considerable experience of overseas trade mark matters. She works for a variety of clients, ranging from individuals to major companies having substantial international trade mark portfolios. Her clients are active in many different fields, including fashion, lighting, renewable energy, pharmaceuticals, entertainment, estate agency, finance and insurance, construction and chemistry.



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Education

LLB Hons, University of Wolverhampton, Law, 1988

Professional Qualifications

UK Registered Trade Mark Attorney, 2001

Professional Representative before OHIM, 2001

Membership of Professional Bodies

Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys

International Trademark Association

Professional Experience

Joseph became a Partner in 2009. He prosecutes trade mark applications in the EU (CTM), UK and worldwide in all areas of industry for small businesses, multi-national corporations and solicitors with clients who need specialist assistance with trade marks. He handles significant client portfolios in the fields of cosmetics and mobile communications. In addition to obtaining trade mark registrations, including filing applications and dealing with any related official objections/oppositions, Joseph advises on searching and clearing trade marks for use, registrability, infringement, passing off and domain name disputes.

Joseph is based in our Brighton office and regularly assists the SME clients of Sussex with trade mark matters. He has represented the Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys (ITMA) at UK business conferences, small business advice days and at the annual International Trade Mark Association (INTA) conference in the US. He sits on the ITMA PR Committee and is a former elected member of the General Council of ITMA. Joseph has been published more than once in a Q&A section in the Financial Times on trade marks, and in relation to Madrid Protocol filings in the trade journal Trademark World.



Clare Mann

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BA (Hons), University of Hull, History, 1998

Professional Qualifications

UK Registered Trade Mark Attorney, 2005

Professional Representative before OHIM, 2005

Membership of Professional Bodies

Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys

European Communities Trademark Association

Professional Experience

Clare joined the firm in 2000 and became a Partner in 2011. Clare works for a wide range of clients, from individuals through to global corporations. She has experience of handling all aspects of trade mark work from initial clearance searching to post-registration enforcement. Clare currently manages significant client portfolios in the fields of entertainment, finance, fashion, medical technology and publishing. She is also able to advise on domain name disputes.

Being based in the Brighton office, Clare regularly assists the SME clients of the East Sussex Hub. She can also be found representing the firm at international conferences and other events.



Ashley Benjamin

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Education

BA (Hons), University of Leeds, French and Management Studies, 1997

Professional Qualifications

UK Registered Trade Mark Attorney, 2009

European Trade Mark Attorney, 2009

Professional Representative before OHIM, 2009

Membership of Professional Bodies

Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys

Professional Experience

Ashley joined the firm in 2008 after four years at another leading European firm and became an Associate in 2011. He handles trade mark work for UK and overseas clients across a range of sectors, including the electronics, financial services and pharmaceutical sectors. Much of his work involves large international portfolios and filing programmes. He also has extensive experience in counterfeiting matters, working closely with trading standards and customs authorities, as well as experience in domain name matters. Prior to training as a trade mark attorney, Ashley spent over seven years as a specialist in marketing communications and brand development, devising strategies and managing major projects for some of the world's leading IT, electronics and medical technology companies.

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Education

MChem, University of Oxford, Chemistry, 1999

PhD, University of London, Solid State Chemistry, 2004

Professional Qualifications

Certificate in IP Law, University of London, 2007

UK Registered Patent Attorney, 2010

European Patent Attorney, 2010

UK Trade Mark Attorney, 2011

European Trade Mark Attorney, 2011

Membership of Professional Bodies

Royal Society of Chemistry

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys

Student Member of ITMA

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.



Elizabeth Dunn

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Education

MA, University of Oxford, Chemistry, 1993

LLM, University of Bristol, Law, 2003

Professional Qualifications

LPC (Solicitor)

Membership of Professional Bodies

Student Member of ITMA

Professional Experience

Elizabeth joined the firm in 2008 as a trade mark assistant. She has a degree in Chemistry from the University of Oxford, an advanced diploma in law and an LLM from the University of Bristol. Prior to joining the firm Elizabeth practised as a solicitor specialising in IP having trained and qualified at a well-known niche IP firm.



Eleanor Merrett

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Education

Certificat de Droit Transnational, University of Geneva, 2006

LLB (Hons), Law with French, University of Sheffield, 2007

Professional Qualifications

Legal Translation

Membership of Professional Bodies

Student Member of ITMA

Professional Experience

Eleanor joined the firm in 2009 as a trade mark assistant. She has an honours degree in Law with French from the University of Sheffield and the Certificat de Droit Transnational from the University of Geneva. Prior to joining the firm, Eleanor worked as a legal translator and with a commercial investigations firm. Eleanor is fluent in French.

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BA (Hons), University of Nottingham, Music, 2006
MA, University of Nottingham, Music, 2007
Graduate Diploma in Law, The College of Law, London, 2008
LPC and LL.B (Hons), The College of Law, London, 2009

Membership of Professional Bodies

Student Member of ITMA

Professional Experience

Brahmani joined the firm in September 2010 as a Trade Mark Assistant. She was awarded BA (Hons) and MA degrees in Music by The University of Nottingham. She subsequently completed the Graduate Diploma in Law and Legal Practice Course (in which she gained Distinctions in all subjects) at The College of Law, London, also being awarded a LL.B (Hons) degree in Legal Practice. Prior to joining the firm, Brahmani worked as a Corporate Tax Assistant at a large accountancy firm, and as a summer intern at a magic circle law firm.

**Laurie Smith****Assistant****Email** lsmith@dehns.com**Tel** +44 (0)20 7632 7200**Education**

LLB (Hons), University of Strathclyde, Law & a Modern Language, 2009
Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice, Glasgow Graduate School of Law, 2010

Membership of Professional Bodies

Student Member of ITMA

Professional Experience

Laurie graduated from the University of Strathclyde in 2009 with a Joint Honours degree in Law & French, and spent a year studying French law at the Université Jean Moulin Lyon III. She subsequently obtained a Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice from the Glasgow Graduate School of Law. Laurie joined the firm in 2010 as a Trade Mark Assistant.

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