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UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 1987

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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).



David Leckey

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Education

BSc Hons (First Class), University of Bristol, Aeronautical Engineering, 1980

Professional Qualifications

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 1992

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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.



Alison Hague

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Education

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Professional Qualifications

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 1993

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UK Registered 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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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 (First Class), University of Cambridge, Natural Sciences (Physical), 1991

Professional Qualifications

UK Chartered 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

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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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Professional Qualifications

UK Chartered Patent Attorney
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Patent Agent Litigator
Certificate in IP Law, University of London

Membership of Professional Bodies

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys
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Member of the Council and Chairman of the Press and Public Relations Committee of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys

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 Chartered 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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BA Hons, University of Oxford, Metallurgy and Science of Materials, 1991

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Professional Qualifications

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 1997

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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.



Katherine Mabey

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Professional Qualifications

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 2002

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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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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 a Partner in 2013. 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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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

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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

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Professional Experience

Laura joined the firm in 2003 and became a Partner in 2013. 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.



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 joined Dehns in 2006 and became an Associate in 2012. After graduating from University with a degree in Physics, he worked as a Patent Examiner in the UK Intellectual Property Office for over four years. As part of this role, James searched and examined patent applications in both mechanical and electrical subject-matter.

James handles patent work in a variety of engineering fields, including aeronautical engineering, materials science, oil drilling systems, power generation and transmission, electrical consumer goods, batteries, healthcare products and medical devices.

He has extensive experience drafting and prosecuting applications in the UK Intellectual Property Office and the European Patent Office. James advises on infringement and validity of patents and has dealt with many appeals and oppositions before the European Patent Office.

In addition to patent work, James also files registered design applications and advises on matters of validity and infringement of registered and unregistered designs in the UK and Europe. James works for clients ranging from individuals up to multinational companies as well as overseas patent attorneys.

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Professional Qualifications

UK Chartered Patent Attorney,
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Membership of Professional Bodies

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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.



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Education

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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

BSc Hons (First Class), University of Leeds, Physics, 2000

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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

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Professional Experience

Tim Wilson 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.

Tim joined Dehns in 2006 and handles patent work mainly in the areas of computer systems, electronics and signal processing.

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Education

MPhys (First Class), University of Oxford, Physics, 2003

DPhil, University of Oxford, Particle Physics, 2007

Professional Qualifications

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 2012

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Membership of Professional Bodies

Associate Member of The Institute of Physics

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys

European Patent Institute

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, also at the University of Oxford. His DPhil involved studying the decay of sub-atomic particles a large scale detector on a 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 electronics, engineering and physics fields, including graphics processing, medical devices, mechanical engineering, solid state lighting, optics and data storage. He has experience in drafting new patents in all of these fields, prosecuting such applications to grant before the UK and European Patent Offices, and also handling international patent portfolios. He also files registered designs in the UK and Europe, as well as providing strategic advice regarding the infringement and validity of patents and designs.

Mark acts for clients of a variety of sizes, from individuals, start-ups and SMEs all the way through to multinational corporations, with a particular focus on small and medium sized technology companies for whom their patent portfolios are one of their major assets.



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Education

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Professional Qualifications

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 2014

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Certificate in IP Law, Brunel University, 2011

Membership of Professional Bodies

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys

European Patent Institute

Professional Experience

Gregory joined the firm in 2010 after graduating from the University of Oxford with a first-class honours degree in Engineering Science, which covered a broad range of engineering disciplines including mechanical, electrical, structural and fluid engineering. During his Masters, he worked with the Oxford Institute of Biomedical Engineering developing a collapsible cerebral stent for the treatment of brain aneurysms.

Gregory became an Associate in 2016.

Gregory handles patent work principally in the fields of engineering and software, including data processing, biometric analysis, medical devices, aerospace and automotive engineering, telecommunications, and refrigeration. He has experience in drafting patents in a variety of fields, prosecuting such applications to grant before the UK and European Patent Offices, and handling international patent portfolios. He also files registered designs in the UK and Europe, as well as providing strategic advice regarding the infringement and validity of patents and designs.

Gregory holds the Intellectual Property Litigation Certificate from IPReg, and the Postgraduate Certificate in Intellectual Property Law from Brunel University.

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