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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.

EDUCATION

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

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 1996 (Awarded Strode Prize for final examinations)

European Patent Attorney, 1996

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Christopher Davies

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Professional Experience

Chris 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.

EDUCATION

BSc, Southampton University, Physics, 1980

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 1984 (Awarded the Gill Prize for first place)

European Patent Attorney, 1985

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Professional Experience

Andrea 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.

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 Chartered Patent Attorney, 1994

European Patent Attorney, 1994

UK Registered Trade Mark Attorney,
1994

Professional Representative before
OHIM, 1996

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

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Robert Jackson

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Professional Experience

Robert 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.

EDUCATION

LLM and Post-Graduate Certificate,
Intellectual Property Litigation,
Nottingham Law School BSc,
University of Durham, Physics, 1990

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

UK Chartered Patent Attorney

European Patent Attorney

Patent Agent Litigator

Certificate in IP Law, University of
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MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

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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 photonics, electro-optics, 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.

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

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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.

EDUCATION

MA, University of Oxford, Physics, 1994

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 1999

European Patent Attorney, 1999

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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.

EDUCATION

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

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 2002 (Awarded Gill Prize for first place overall and Strode Prize in Practice Paper)

European Patent Attorney, 2002

Certificate in IP Law, University of London, 2000

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Andrew Chiva

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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.

EDUCATION

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

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 2006 (Awarded Gill Prize for first place overall and Strode Prize for first place in practice paper)

Certificate in IP Law, University of London, 2003

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Adam Taylor

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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.

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

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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 Materials Science 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, nanomaterials, process technologies, 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 and design law including worldwide patent filing strategies, enforcement of patents in Europe, design registrations, IP licensing and issues of infringement and validity. Laura is regularly involved in opposition and appeal proceedings before the European Patent Office.

EDUCATION

MA, MSci (Hons), University of Cambridge, Physics and Materials Science, 2003

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 2008

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Professional Experience

James joined Dehns in 2006 and became an Associate in 2012. After graduating from Bristol 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.

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

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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.

EDUCATION

MMath, University of Oxford,
Mathematics, 2001

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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

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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.

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

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Professional Experience

Sally 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.

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

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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, who sponsored him during his time at university, before joining the firm in 2007.

Thomas drafts and prosecutes patent applications in all areas of high technology, including electronics, computing, software, telecommunications, and other engineering and physics fields.

EDUCATION

MEng (First Class), University of Oxford, Engineering Science, 2006

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 2011

European Patent Attorney, 2011

Certificate in IP Law, Brunel University, 2008

Professional Representative before OHIM

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Mark Bell

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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.

EDUCATION

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

DPhil, University of Oxford, Particle Physics, 2007

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 2012

European Patent Attorney, 2011

Certificate in IP Law, Brunel University, 2008

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

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Professional Experience

Alex handles patent work in various areas of physics and engineering, and has experience in medical devices (hematology and cytometry), energy generation (biomass and gas turbines), refrigeration, oil/gas exploration (geophysics, drilling, completion), mass spectrometry and consumer products, to name a few.

As well as drafting and prosecuting UK, European and PCT (international) patent applications, Alex is experienced in handling worldwide prosecution and has built good relationships with patent attorneys and other lawyers around the world. He is always in regular contact with inventors and enjoys learning about their technology. He provides helpful input and commercial advice from the drafting stage through to, if necessary, opposition and appeal. Alex regularly attends oral proceedings and hearings at the EPO. He has an enviable success rate, which has been achieved through providing realistic and sound advice. He successfully defended the patent for a device that is now present in over 1,800 hospitals worldwide, and used over 35 million times annually. Alex also has the right to conduct litigation in the Intellectual Property Enterprise Court, having achieved a commendation from the litigation skills course at Nottingham Law School.

Alex graduated from Imperial College London with a degree in Physics. He previously worked as a research scientist at QinetiQ Ltd in the military radar group, as part of a scholarship arrangement.

EDUCATION

MSci, Imperial College, London, Physics, 2008

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Certificate in IP Basic Litigation Skills, Nottingham Law School, 2015

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 2013

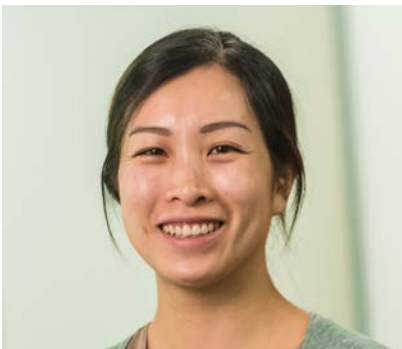
European Patent Attorney, 2012

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Professional Experience

Olivia joined Dehns in November 2013. She completed doctorate thesis on high energy astrophysics at the Max Planck Institute of Nuclear Physics. After finishing her PhD, Olivia joined the IP profession in 2007 training with Haseltine Lake LLP, and has been handling patent and design work from the U.K., Europe, China and the U.S since. Olivia is a native Cantonese speaker and has a working knowledge of Mandarin Chinese. In 2009, she spent a month in China working with a large intellectual property law firm in China as part of her training. In 2012, she travelled to China on several occasions to attend IP related conferences and to give seminars on European IP to Chinese companies.

EDUCATION

MSci, Imperial College, London, Physics, 2003

PhD, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Germany, Physics, 2007

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 2012

European Patent Attorney, 2011

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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 and is based in our Munich office. He prosecutes patent applications in various fields including ICT, electrical and mechanical engineering. Greg also has experience in handling patent applications relating to business methods and software.

Greg acts for many SMEs as well as large corporate clients. He also works closely with many associates abroad to ensure that his clients get the best possible protection in other jurisdictions. Greg regularly attends hearings and events at the EPO.

EDUCATION

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

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 2013

European Patent Attorney, 2013

Certificate in IP Law, University of London, 2009

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Jennifer Brown

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Professional Experience

Jennifer joined the firm in 2009, shortly after graduating from the University of Oxford 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.

EDUCATION

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

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 2013

European Patent Attorney, 2013

Certificate in IP Law, Brunel University, 2010

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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.

Samuel became an Associate in 2016. He drafts and prosecutes patent applications in all areas of high technology, including electronics, computing, software, semiconductor devices, telecommunications, optics, photonics, mass spectrometry and other physics and engineering fields. Samuel has considerable experience in handling international patent portfolios across multiple jurisdictions, as well as providing freedom to operate and infringement/validity advice for companies in the UK and abroad.

EDUCATION

MPhys (First Class), University of Manchester, Physics, 2006

PhD, University of Cambridge, Physics, 2010

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 2014

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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 aneurisms.

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.

EDUCATION

MEng (First Class), University of Oxford, Engineering Science, 2010

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 2014

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Catherine Noronha

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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.

EDUCATION

MSci (First Class), Imperial College, London, Physics, 2003

PhD, Imperial College, London, High Energy Physics, 2006

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

UK Chartered Patent Attorney, 2010

European Patent Attorney, 2010

Certificate in IP Law, Brunel University, 2007

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David Viita

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Professional Experience

David joined the firm in 2013 after completing a PhD in Materials Science at The University of Manchester. He also holds a Masters degree in Physics from the same institution. During his PhD he studied woven body armour at high speed using laser Raman spectroscopy. During his Master's project he studied fabricated nanomaterials exhibiting negative refractive index - this technology has the potential to form, single-molecule biosensors, cloaking devices, and perfect lenses not subject to the diffraction limit. David handles patent work in various physics, materials, and engineering fields.

EDUCATION

MPhys, University of Manchester, Physics, 2009

PhD, University of Manchester, Materials Science, 2013

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PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

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Professional Experience

Samuel joined the firm in 2014 after graduating from University College London with a first class MEng degree in Electronic Engineering with Computer Science, earning a place on the Dean's List of top graduates.

In his third year, he carried out a project modelling moth-eye anti-reflective nanostructures for use in thermochromic smart windows. During his fourth year, he worked on electrospinning organic nanofibres. He also did a summer internship with BP, working on instrumentation and protective systems for use on offshore oil & gas platforms.



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EDUCATION

MPhys (First Class), University of Manchester, Physics, 2006
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MSc, University of Manchester, Medical Physics, 2011

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

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Professional Experience

Joseph joined the firm in 2015 after spending five years as a medical physicist at The Christie Hospital in Manchester where he carried out research in error detection for radiotherapy treatment planning and dosimetry for photodynamic therapy. Joseph has a First Class Honours MPhys physics degree from the University of Manchester, spending the third year of his course at the University of California at Santa Cruz. He went on to obtain a PhD in plasma physics from the University of Warwick, studying turbulence in the edge region of nuclear fusion devices in collaboration with the National Institute for Fusion Science (NIFS) in Japan. Joseph handles patent work in various physics and engineering fields.



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EDUCATION

MPhys, University of Oxford, Physics, 2015

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Professional Experience

Nia joined the firm in 2015, after completing a Masters degree in Physics at the University of Oxford.

During her Masters degree, Nia specialised in lasers, quantum information and computation, and condensed matter. Her Masters project involved optimising deposition methods for photoluminescent materials to increase the efficiency of solar cells.



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EDUCATION

Msci Natural Sciences (Atomic & Particle Physics and Physical Chemistry), UCL, 2016

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Certificate in IP Law, Queen Mary University of London, 2017

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Professional Experience

After completing a summer internship with Dehns in 2015, Conor joined as a Technical Assistant in 2016 after obtaining a Masters degree in Natural Sciences (Atomic & Particle Physics and Physical Chemistry) at UCL.

Conor's work covers a variety of areas in the engineering field, from gas turbine engines to devices for musical instruments, with a range of clients including large multinational companies and SMEs. He has experience in all aspects of patent prosecution and in drafting new patent applications, he also has experience in filing registered designs.



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EDUCATION

MPhys (Physics), Oxford University, 2012

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