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Claire has extensive experience in all areas of trade mark and design protection, particularly those relating to conflict issues and dispute resolution. Having worked in private practice and in-house since 1982, Claire joined the Grant Spencer business in 1994, becoming a Partner in 1996 and the Firm's principal in 2002.

Claire is a Member of the Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys, qualified by examination. She is also a European Trade Mark Attorney, a Registered Trade Mark Attorney, registered Trade Mark and Design litigator and a Professional Representative authorised to practice before the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM).

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David Potter – Partner

David advises his clients on the protection and management of their trade mark portfolios, encompassing all aspects of trade mark protection from clearance searches, prosecution and registering of trade marks, to advising on infringement enforcement issues.

David joined the trade mark profession in 1994 and qualifying as a registered trade mark attorney in 1996. He moved in 1998, where he became the head of Trade Marks for a firm of solicitors. In October 2003 he joined the Leeds office of HGF, becoming a Partner in May 2004.

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Geoff Smith – Partner

Geoff specialises in dealing with trade mark and design protection, enforcement, clearance, portfolio management and due diligence. He is a highly experienced practitioner before the UK and OHIM Trade Mark/Design Registries and provides strategic advice regarding international IP protection strategies. His practice covers diverse industry sectors including, pharmaceuticals, software and retail. Geoff is a solicitor and registered Trade Mark Attorney.

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Hsu Min specialises in patents in the fields of chemistry, material science and pharmaceuticals. Her experience includes drafting and prosecuting patent applications in a wide range of technologies, including those relating to pharmaceuticals, catalytic processes, household products, electrochemistry, petrochemicals, osmosis, medical devices and polymers.

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Jason Lumber – Partner

Jason's practice includes worldwide trade mark and brand clearance searching and advice, brand protection and registration, anti-counterfeiting advice and support, UK enforcement and litigation support, IP acquisition, disposal, exploitation and licensing, together with brand protection strategy advice.

Jason is a member of The Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys and the International Trade Marks Association. Jason also lectures to internal students, clients and industry practitioners on all aspects of trade mark protection and enforcement.

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Mark Lunt – Partner

Mark is an experienced patent professional having qualified as a patent attorney in 1981, after training in both private and industrial practices. His current practice focuses on mechanical arrangements, especially tools for use in the oil industry. His scientific training (BSc degree in Oceanography and Zoology, University of Wales, Swansea), is unusual in the profession, but it gave him wide exposure to biological, chemical and physical sciences that have since proved useful background for many of the inventions he has handled.

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Paul Sanderson – Managing Partner

Paul is a solicitor and has specialised in intellectual property law since 1991. He advises clients on the commercial aspects of intellectual property including national and international licensing, technology transfer and portfolio management, as well as on dispute resolution including mediation, and national and cross-border litigation in relation to patents, trademarks, designs and copyright, know-how and confidential information.

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Stephanie Loeffler-Reading – Partner

Stephanie graduated with an Honours degree in Pharmacy and joined the trade mark profession in 1990, qualifying in 1993. Her career in trade marks has been diverse, including work with an IP firm owned by one of the world's leading branding consultancy, a British multinational alcoholic beverages company, and one of the leading patent and trade mark attorney firms in the UK, where she worked as a Partner for more than 10 years.

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