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Dr Andrew Wells – Partner

Andrew's patent practice is principally in the pharmaceutical field. He specialises in due diligence evaluations, oppositions and appeals at the European Patent Office, and the preparation and prosecutions of patent applications covering new chemical entities, salts, polymorphs, formulations, combination therapies, manufacturing processes, and medical uses. Prior to joining HGF, Andrew worked in-house for a leading pharmaceutical firm, where he managed patent portfolios in the fields of oncology, infection, cardiovascular and neuroscience.

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Mike Nelson – Partner

Mike specialises in the pharmaceutical field and has considerable experience in due diligence evaluations, licence negotiations, patent term extension, regulatory data exclusivity and patent listings with regulatory authorities. Mike also focuses on the drafting, prosecution and defence of new chemical entity, formulation, solid state, process and use patents. Prior to joining HGF, Mike had a senior position at a global pharmaceutical company and managed patent matters across all stages of pharmaceutical research and development, including coordination of global patent litigation strategies, due diligence and patent support for business development covering early stage discovery agreements, peer-to-peer collaborations and late stage product acquisitions and in-licence agreements.

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Kate Taylor – Partner

Kate handles a diverse portfolio of technologies in the life sciences and biopharmaceutical fields, including diagnostic and therapeutic targets, SNPs, antisense nucleic acids, GMOs, antibody and peptide therapeutics.

Kate has considerable experience of drafting patent applications and developing IP filing strategies in the life sciences field. Kate co-ordinates global patent portfolios for UK universities spin out companies and international corporations. She has a substantial prosecution practice and is highly experienced in acting before the European Patent Office in prosecution, opposition and appeal matters, including attending oral hearings. She has particular in-depth knowledge of the complex legal issues surrounding the enabling nature of deposited biological material.

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Iain Armstrong – Partner

Iain's practice covers a wide range of biotechnological inventions, particularly specialising in inventions relating to the therapeutic application of biotechnology. He has experience in a number of technical fields, including wound healing, cancer therapies, vaccine development and stem cell technologies.

Iain works with a range of clients including universities, spin outs, large biotech companies and overseas attorney firms. He has provided assistance to clients at various stages in their development – from early days through to flotation. As well as attending to patent drafting and prosecution, he is able to offer guidance on portfolio management across various jurisdictions, and assessment of other parties' rights, including freedom to operate issues.

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Cristina Rivas Graver – International Markets Director

Cristina comes from a diverse sales and marketing background. She studied at QMC University (now Westfield QMC London University) focusing on international politics and European economics and at the Sorbonne in Paris. Her knowledge of seven languages (four of which she speaks fluently) has allowed her to work in countries such as Russia, Cuba, France and Spain. Cristina has gained a working knowledge of small to medium firms and more recently global corporates such as API and Ernst & Young.

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