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Antony Gold, Partner

Antony has specialised in intellectual property work for almost 20 years. His primary areas of focus are contentious and internet-related/branding work.

As a contentious IP lawyer, Antony has handled many major cases including acting for Zipher in the Zipher v Markem litigation, which are well known cases in the field of patent entitlement and claims amendment as well as in Fields v Klaus Kobec Limited, Julius Saaman and others v Tetrosyl Limited and Specsavers v Asda, each of which are leading cases in the field of trade mark infringement and passing off.

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Claire Hutchinson, Partner

Claire has extensive experience in all areas of trade mark and design protection, particularly those relating to conflict issues and dispute resolution. She has wide experience in the field of trade mark portfolio management and strategic advice.

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 Agent, and a Professional Representative authorised to practice before the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market. She holds a Trade Mark and Designs Litigator's Certificate, which entitles her to conduct litigation in the High Court and the Patents County Court with rights of audience in the Patents County Court in respect of trade mark and design litigation.

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David Potter, Partner and Head of Trade Mark

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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Jonathan Thurgood, Partner

Jonathan's practice encompasses everything relating to trade marks, from advice on the adoption of new brands and the surrounding legal issues, to registration of trade marks and dealing with all kinds of disputes, from oppositions to litigation.

Since 2006 he has served on ITMA's Law and Practices Committee and chairs the Intellectual Property Office and Marks & Designs Forum Working Group. He is also currently on INTA's Legislation and Regulation (Europe) Subcommittee, having previously served two terms on INTA's Classification Subcommittee.

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Lee Curtis, Partner

Lee has over 20 years' experience of trade mark and design protection both in the UK and overseas, and advises on all aspects of design and trade mark protection. This includes everything from searching, filing and prosecution through to drafting and negotiating licences and assignments in the UK and across the globe.

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Matt Dixon, Partner

Matt has a wealth of experience representing major multi-national corporations in multi-party Opposition and Appeal proceedings before the European Patent Office, including a period of three years based in Munich. He also has a passion for working with British, high-growth technology businesses, particularly in the innovation hubs of London, Cambridge and Southampton, helping companies develop effective intellectual property strategies and negotiating successfully during acquisition due diligence..

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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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Rachel Denholm, Senior Trade Mark Attorney

Rachel is experienced in dealing with global brands and advises clients on all aspects of trade mark portfolio management, including clearance searches, filing and prosecuting trade mark applications, filing and defending oppositions, advising on infringement and enforcement and providing strategic advice on commercial and practical issues.

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Stephanie Leoffler-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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Tom Nener, Senior Solicitor

Tom advises clients on a wide range of contentious intellectual property law matters including patent, trade mark and design infringement, passing off and misuse of confidential information.

Working with clients across a broad range of sectors including advanced manufacturing and engineering, retail and technology sectors. He is particularly experienced in advising clients on global brand protection strategies so as to ensure that third party infringers and counterfeiters are actively policed and are prevented from taking unfair advantage of the brand.

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