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Patent and Trade Mark
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Intellectual property:
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nanotechnologies
pharmaceuticals
trade marks

Professional expertise, commercial focus

The firm provides professional expertise and commercially focused advice to business leaders and decision makers in the pharmaceutical and healthcare fields. HGF's pharmaceutical attorneys combine a strong grounding in chemistry or biotechnology with a first rate knowledge of patent law and a thorough understanding of commercial strategies in the pharmaceutical industry to provide a high level of service.

Many of our attorneys have both degrees and postgraduate qualifications in chemical or life science disciplines and a significant number have first hand experience of working in research environments in academic institutions or companies.

Collectively, the HGF pharmaceutical group has very many years' experience in providing patent services to the industry, whether as in-house attorneys or outside counsel. Our clients include spin-outs, research based universities and institutions as well as global leaders.

We can help shape your IP strategy and assist in identifying how the IP affairs of your business are prioritised. We can also deal with the creation, identification and protection of IP, and enhance its value to the business by appropriate management, exploitation and enforcement.

Furthermore, we can audit your registered and unregistered IP. In effect, this is an IP audit which will highlight strengths and weaknesses in, and threats to, your portfolio, thus enabling you to make informed business decisions.

We understand the importance of maximising the effective patent life of drugs as well as building a patent thicket. Our pharmaceutical team is able to advise you on and help implement strategies to provide enduring and comprehensive protection, starting with new entities and proceeding via novel forms, derivatives, therapeutic uses and compositions to methods of synthesis or expression systems and the multiple patent categories associated with them. We have experience in filing supplementary protection certificates for marketed pharmaceutical drugs and in data protection issues for approved medicines.

We also provide clients with full online access to their IP records through our innovative OCIS (Online Client Information System) system.



Our Skills include

Our extensive experience in, and knowledge of, patent and related matters extends across fine chemicals and process development, medical devices and diagnostic tools, and specialist technical materials for use in the healthcare industry such as alloys, ceramics and polymers. Therefore we are able to advise you even when there is a cross-over in these closely related subjects. We also provide a number of patent and non-patent services to support businesses in the pharmaceutical and healthcare sectors.

These include:

- Registration of patents worldwide
- Patent opposition proceedings
- Providing infringement and validity advice on patent and design rights
- Portfolio management and strategic advice
- IP law and litigation
- Technology transfer
- Performing competitor intelligence and searches
- Monitoring and payment of renewal fees
- Registration of designs worldwide
- Advice on copyright and unregistered design rights
- Registration of trade marks worldwide
- UK and EU (OHIM) trade mark oppositions and appeals
- Multi-jurisdictional and trade mark searches and watching
- Trade mark infringement, clearance and opinion work
- Internet and domain name issues

Our technical reach includes

Active Principles

- New chemical entities
- New biological entities

Follow On Protection - Products

- Salts
- Prodrugs
- Polymorphs
- Enantiomers
- Formulations
- Combinations
- Metabolites
- PEGylated proteins
- Glycosylated proteins
- Humanised antibodies

Follow On Protection - Methods

- Synthesis
- Purity Profiles
- Precursors
- Indication (uses; methods of treatment)
- Dosing regimens (uses; methods of treatment)

Follow On Protection - Properties

- Bioavailability (formulations, prodrugs, salts)
- Stability (formulations, derivatives)
- Plasma half life (structure modification, PEGylation)

Indications

- Neurology / CNS diseases
- Pain and inflammation
- Anti infectives
- Respiratory diseases
- Cardiovascular diseases
- Diabetes
- Oncology
- Sexual health and fertility
- Urology
- Veterinary medicine
- Wound healing



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