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HARPREET DHALIWAL

Harpreet is an accomplished trade mark attorney, known for her extensive expertise in global portfolio management and devising and executing worldwide filing strategies. She proficiently handles contentious matters, including multi-jurisdictional oppositions, cancellation actions, IPEC litigation, and online enforcement advisory and contentious work. Harpreet is highly regarded for her commercial acumen in trade mark dispute negotiations and her skill in drafting settlement agreements.

Harpreet's skills in due diligence and advising on transactional IP matters are complemented by her proficiency in strategic advisory work related to the management of confidential information and trade secrets.

She seamlessly integrates with clients' in-house teams, providing strategic IP consultation and identifying IP-related risks. Her commercial, practical, and adaptable nature allows her to understand her clients' needs and offer tailored advice to a diverse range of clients, from small and medium-sized businesses to large multinational corporations. Harpreet is adept at IP budget creation and tracking, excelling in creating and implementing search, brand protection, domain, and enforcement strategies to manage portfolios in a pragmatic and strategic manner.

In addition, Harpreet has expertise in developing and managing online brand enforcement programs. She implements and oversees global online brand enforcement strategies, managing takedowns across multiple platforms with targeted escalation utilizing a range of tools.

ADJOA ANIM

Adjoa enjoys getting to know the nature of her client’s businesses, their objectives and priorities, to get the best outcomes for any brand-related challenges they may face. She provides advice to a wide range of customers, including FMCG businesses (including fashion, accessories and food), retailers, financial service providers, engineering and tech firms and pharmaceutical companies. In addition to her trade mark experience in the United Kingdom and European Union, through working in partnership with colleagues in the various HGF offices and associates in foreign firms, Adjoa has built up her expertise in brand selection, filing strategies, portfolio management and transactions concerning these rights.

Adjoa has experience in UK, EU and foreign contentious actions. Where the parties are amenable to doing so, she advises on and prepares national and global settlement agreements, striving for an efficient and effective resolution to disputes. Vital post-registration activities that go hand-in-hand with portfolio management, for instance, customs applications to monitor counterfeit products and liaising with in-house brand protection officers to ensure that clients have the right tools for countering unauthorised use, are also an important part of her role.

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MICHELLE DAVIES

Michelle is a highly experienced transactional IP specialist. Michelle provides strategic and transactional IP advice to clients in a wide range of sectors and has specific expertise within the pharmaceutical and life sciences sector having worked 12 years with AstraZeneca and with a BSc in Pharmacology & Physiology.

Michelle is experienced in the drafting and negotiation of a whole range of agreements including licensing, co-development, clinical, manufacture, services and supply contracts and has provided IP advice on a number of major corporate licensing transactions, acquisitions and business sales and works regularly with many educational institutions and their spin-out companies.

In addition to her expertise in the life sciences sector, Michelle also advises clients within the retail sector in connection with brand licensing, digital content arrangements, data privacy, website development, commercial terms of business, distribution, supply and franchising.

Michelle regularly presents on a broad range of IP and commercial topics including licensing, strategic IP protection and GDPR. Michelle has also delivered a range of legal training focused towards compliance programmes within in-house teams, including on topics such as Good Document Practice, Handling Sensitive Information, Alliance & Post-Deal Management, Market Disclosure & Insider Trading and Issue Management Team Set-Up & Support. Michelle sits on a University Ethics Committee for the review of life sciences projects and is a member of the Licensing Executives Society and Pharmaceutical Licensing Group.

JULIA SALADIN

Julia is a German attorney-at-law who carries out German and international prosecution and litigation IP work. She advises on all aspects relating to German and international trade mark, design, and competition law; from developing IP strategies and conducting trade mark searches, to handling German national and international trade mark portfolios, to representing clients in infringement, opposition and cancellation proceedings. In addition, Julia drafts licence agreements and supports her clients in the fields of domain and copyright law.

TASMIN KNIGHT

Tamsin is a Trainee Trade Mark Attorney who recently obtained her Law LLB degree from the University of Exeter.

Under the supervision of qualified Trade Mark Attorneys, Tamsin is working with clients from a wide range of industries supporting with Trade Marks, designs and copyright.

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HANNA TIYAMIYU

Hanna is a Trade Mark Attorney with over five years of in-depth experience providing specialist services across the full spectrum of trade marks, including clearance of brand names, national and international filing strategy advice, filing and prosecution of trade marks, trade mark portfolio management, due diligence, IP audits, and contentious matters such as oppositions and cancellation actions.

Her experience also extends to design and copyright matters. She is skilled in advisory and contentious work pertaining to online enforcement matters, including social media takedowns, infringement disputes on e-commerce platforms, domain name disputes and company name complaints.

Hanna is enthusiastic, personable and driven. She adopts a pragmatic and commercial approach to all aspects of her work, and has experience working with a diverse range of clients - from entrepreneurs and start-ups, through to SMEs, universities and large multinational corporations - across various industries, including fashion and retail, food and drinks, construction, education, automotive, healthcare, and general consumer goods.

LAUREN SOMERS

Lauren is a Chartered UK Trade Mark Attorney. She has expertise advising large multinationals through to small start ups, tailoring her strategic advice to suit client's needs.

Lauren is commercially aware across sectors ranging from cosmetics and clothing, food and pharmaceuticals, to software and professional services. She works with her clients to help achieve the desired outcome in a cost effective way - whether that be in relation to filing strategy, oppositions and appeals or in contentious matters.

Lauren is also a member of the European Communities Trade Mark Association (ECTA) and is the Chair of its Internet Committee. She is the co-chair of the pro-Manchester Retail and e-Commerce committee and a GC Business Growth Hub partner.

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HARRI BERRIDGE

Harri is a highly experienced and diligent attorney who has advised some of the world's best-known multi-national brands, as well as SMEs and start-ups, across a range of industry sectors including fashion, beauty, FMCG, FemTech, retail, food and drink, technology and AI.

Her expertise spans a wide range of IP services including devising and implementing IP strategies, overseeing global portfolio management, advising on and managing contentious IP proceedings worldwide, undertaking worldwide trade mark clearance searching, negotiating and drafting settlement agreements, advising on licensing and franchise arrangements, advising on brand reputational issues, implementing and managing online and offline brand enforcement programmes.

LEE CURTIS

Lee has nearly 30 years' experience of the trade mark and design law in the UK and overseas having qualified as a Chartered Trade Mark Attorney in 1996.

He advises and manages the design and trade mark portfolios of some of the leading brands in the United Kingdom and across the globe.

Lee also has extensive experience of filing and prosecuting trade mark applications, oppositions, revocation and invalidity actions before the European Union Intellectual Property Office, World Intellectual Property Organisation and across the globe.

SUZAN MOSS

Suzan is a Chartered Trade Mark Director having studied and passed the Postgraduate Certificate in Trade Mark Law and Practice at Queen Mary University as well as passing the Nottingham Law School Certificate in Trade Mark Practice with distinction.

Suzan provides full life cycle trade mark advice from pre-filing advice, clearance searching, trade mark application prosecution and protection and enforcement.

Suzan also has a particular focus on design rights and clearance related to these in a multitude of sectors and in particular in the fashion sector.

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CLAIRE JONES

Claire started her IP career at a UK magic circle firm, working on global portfolios including a luxury car manufacturer, a leading food and confectionery manufacturer and an international high street bank. Since then, she has worked at a full service law firm as well as an international trade mark and patent firm.

With a strong grounding from starting in trade mark formalities before qualifying as an attorney in 2014, Claire has rounded knowledge and expertise in all aspects of trade mark portfolio management from clearance to enforcement, providing commercial and strategic advice to a wide variety of clients. Her industry sectors include fashion, beauty, financial services, media/entertainment and food and drink.

SEAN MCDONAGH

Sean's approach to legal service delivery is guided first and foremost by a desire to fully understand his clients' commercial objectives. Not only does this allow Sean to gain an insight into the inner workings of industry-leading and engaging brands, it crucially enables him to provide commercially relevant, tailored and cost-effective legal advice. By building open and approachable relationships, both him and his clients are able to maximise their IP and deliver on their business objectives.

Sean is particularly experienced in advising clients on trade mark registrability, protection and enforcement at a UK, EU and international level and is extensively involved in the coordination of multinational filings and management of global trade mark portfolios. Sean has a high record of success in registering "difficult" trade marks through the submission of written arguments and attendance at UK IPO hearings. He also frequently represents clients in contentious matters including trade mark opposition, cancellation and invalidity actions before the UK IPO and EU IPO, and has worked closely with agents around the world in navigating proceedings of this nature in foreign jurisdictions.

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JASON CHESTER

Jason is a Chartered (UK) Trade Mark Attorney and Trade Mark Director at HGF. Jason joined HGF in November 2023. He previously worked for a large international IP firm for ten years.

Jason acts for a broad spectrum of clients ranging from multinational companies to domestic start-ups and individuals to help protect, enforce and utilise brand assets in domestic and international markets. He aims to operate as an extension of his clients' businesses to provide strategic trade mark advice and solutions that align with their commercial goals and budgets. Jason advises on international brand clearance and filing strategies, non-traditional trade marks, trade mark prosecution, oppositions, cancellation actions, portfolio management and trade mark enforcement matters, amongst other things.

Jason was recognised as a recommended practitioner in the 2021-2024 editions of The Legal 500 and World Trade Mark Review 1000 (WTR1000). Jason was also named as a 'Rising Star' in the Managing Intellectual Property (MIP) IP Stars 2022 and 2023.

JOHN JOHNSTON

John's professional experience includes drafting and prosecuting patent applications across many jurisdictions, with a focus on the UK, US, Europe, China and Japan.

John works primarily in the mechanical, aerospace and physics fields, with a particular technical focus on energy technologies including upstream oil and gas (particularly well drilling and completion technology), offshore wind and solar.

John has experience working with clients of all types, from start-ups to multinationals in identifying and protecting their intellectual property.