

We are sector experts in Chemistry

Our chemistry team is composed of a diverse group of experienced patent attorneys located throughout the UK and Europe. Our team members have a wealth of expertise in a wide range of technical areas, which places them in the best position to provide insightful and commercially focused advice within your specialism.

Our core expertise includes small molecule chemistry, human and veterinary pharmaceuticals, polymers, silicones, advanced materials, industrial chemistry, fuels, petrochemicals, food technology, environmental chemistry and oil and gas exploration.

Our clients range from universities, start-ups and SMES, to pharmaceutical and chemical companies that are household names.

We provide tailored advice to meet the needs of your business.



Our chemistry team are able to offer a range of services, including:

- Searching and Freedom to Operate opinions;
- Infringement opinions;
- Drafting robust patent applications;
- Managing global patent portfolios;
- Handling prosecution, opposition and appeal matters;
- Obtaining SPCs; and
- Providing advice on the Patent Box and R&D tax credits.

Our team of experts can provide support throughout every stage of the patenting process, and long after grant. We understand the particular pressures within the chemical sector, and the differing motivations behind the pursuit of patent protection.

We recognise the true value of a robust patent portfolio in the chemical sector, and we endeavour to assist our clients in maximising the potential of their business by securing patent protection.

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Dr Laura Fè
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Based in Munich and part of our Leadership team, Laura is a chemistry and materials specialist. Her experience extends to a broad range of chemistry related subjects, including pharmaceutical technology, polymer chemistry and chemical engineering. Her daily practice centers on prosecution and opposition before the EPO. As Opposition Team Leader, Laura coordinates the activities of our Opposition Group. Laura has extensive experience in defending and opposing patents before both the opposition division and the Boards of Appeal of the EPO.

Core Expertise:

Chemistry, pharmaceutical technology, polymer chemistry, chemical engineering, material science, organic chemistry, inorganic chemistry, physical chemistry, environmental chemistry, medical devices. small molecules.

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Paul Andrews
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Paul Andrews specialises in patent work in the chemical, pharmaceutical and medical fields. His extensive experience covers alloys, ceramics and nanotechnology (including nanoscale powders and coatings incorporating nanoparticles).

Core Expertise:

Chemistry, materials science, life sciences, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, medical methods, alloys, ceramics, catalytic converters, nanotechnology, nanoscale powders, coatings, nanoparticles, plastics, polymers, petrochemicals, agrochemicals, herbicides, fungicides, cement compositions, anti-inflammatory drugs, cancer diagnosis, cancer treatment, orthopaedic implants, ostomy devices, dental implants, surgical devices, oil and gas, chemicals, pipeline technology.

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Mark Earnshaw
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Mark Earnshaw studied Honours Chemistry at Bristol University. He then joined dedicated research firm in advanced ceramics, during which time he worked on silicon nitrides, boron carbide and ceramics-to-metal bonding projects.

Core Expertise:

Chemistry, chemical mechanics and chemical engineering, oil and gas, pipeline technology, liquefied natural gas, coal technologies, silicones, industrial chemistry, ceramics, silicon nitrides, boron carbide, water treatment.

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Elsbeth Doyle
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Elsbeth Doyle joined the profession in 2006, after completing a Bachelors (Hons) degree in Chemistry with Patent Law at the University of Manchester. Her degree included a sandwich year of working in the IP department of a multinational company.

Core Expertise:

Chemistry, particularly organic, inorganic and polymer chemistry, medical devices, home and personal care products.

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