



We are sector experts in Pharmaceuticals

With over 45 years of experience of working in in-house Intellectual Property Departments for various pharmaceutical companies, our team has a considerable depth of expertise in technical areas ranging from small molecules to biologics.

Our Team's experience in IP practice is varied:

- Court appointed technical expert in key litigation between big pharma and generics both in relation to Supplementary patent certificates (SPCs) and underlying patents;
- Conducting extensive multi-jurisdiction Freedom to Operate (FTOs),
- Drafting and developing robust patent portfolios,
- Worldwide management of IP portfolios;
- Understanding and facilitating advice to R&D management;
- Developing strategies with acquisition in mind;
- Implementing European wide SPC strategies for key drugs.

We utilise this experience to provide a client focused service, working with our clients to provide proactive, pragmatic and strategic advice across our full range of services taking into account the key commercial drivers behind each project. We understand the variety of purposes behind patent protection. We work with you to develop a robust patent portfolio with an eye towards future litigation and to navigate and mitigate the risks of third party patent rights. We are also experienced in large multi-opponent oppositions in this field.

Our Trade Mark Team has acted for one of the UK's largest pharmaceutical companies for over 25 years. During this time we have provided assistance across the full spectrum of trade mark services with particular emphasis on European clearance projects. We have extensive experience in dealing with the many ethical and regulatory challenges which are unique to the field, as well as navigating the constantly evolving legal landscape.



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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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Anna Pezzoli
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Anna Pezzoli's core area of expertise lies within the field of chemistry, with an emphasis on organic chemistry, medicinal chemistry and pharmaceutical technologies. She has more than 20 years of experience in creating and managing worldwide patent portfolios around new chemical entities, acting as an in-house attorney of multinational company GlaxoSmithKline.

Core Expertise:

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Dr Marina Mauro
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Marina Mauro's core area of expertise lies within the field of organic chemistry with a particular focus on pharmaceutical drugs and imaging agents for diagnostic medicine such as x-ray imaging, magnetic resonance imaging, contrast enhanced ultrasound and nuclear medicine through radioactive tracers.

Core Expertise:

chemistry, organic chemistry, materials, life sciences, healthcare, pharmaceutical, pharmaceutical drugs, diagnostic medicine, x-ray imaging, magnetic resonance imaging, ultrasounds, nuclear medicine, radioactive tracers, diagnostic products, antihypertensive drugs.

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Cath Coombes
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Catherine Coombes is an experienced European and Chartered (UK) Patent Attorney applying a commercial focus to IP across life sciences including: biotechnology, life sciences, gene editing; molecular biology, food ingredients, enzymes, health, gene/protein sequences, diagnostics, immunology, drug delivery, biochemistry and plant biotechnology.

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