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Current Affiliation

Barrister at Wilberforce Chambers, London, specialising in intellectual property and information technology law and related contract and commercial work. An ‘Appointed Person’ under the UK Trade Marks Act 1994, to hear appeals from the Trade Marks Registry.

Professional Experience

Since joining the Bar in 2003, has specialised in intellectual property and information technology law, focusing on advocacy, advice and all forms of dispute resolution. Spent the previous 17 years working as a solicitor in the Intellectual Property & Information Technology Department at Linklaters, latterly heading up the London IP Group and on the International Board of the firm. Worked for six months at Jacobacci in Italy in 1989. Has advised companies across a wide range of industries including pharmaceutical, food and drink, luxury goods, toys and games, hotels and entertainment, airline, oil and gas, information technology, home improvement and general retail. Alongside contentious work, has considerable experience on teams working on mergers and acquisitions, public offerings and negotiation of licences and other contracts.

Primary Practice Areas

Intellectual property, in particular, trade marks, passing off/unfair competition, designs, copyright; information technology, particularly contractual disputes; confidential information and privacy. Practice includes advocacy in the English and European Courts, the UK Trade Marks Registry and OHIM; advising on litigation strategy, including in international, particularly pan-European, situations; and general advice and assistance on a range of IP and IT legal and commercial problems.

Selected Honors, Publications and/or Professional and Civic Associations

Author of various book chapters and numerous articles on IP/IT law and litigation. On editorial boards of European Trade Mark Reports and the Journal of Intellectual Property Law and Practice. Regular speaker at industry and professional association events. Chair of INTA’s Parallel Imports Committee. Also member of AIPPI, PTMG, ITMA, ECTA and the Competition Law Association. Recognised as a leading practitioner in several legal directories including Euromoney’s Trade Mark Practitioner’s Guide and Chambers UK 2007, in which she is described as “easy to work with and well organised”.

Education and Qualifications

Girton College, Cambridge – Natural Sciences BA Hons (converted to MA – Cantab)
College of Law, Lancaster Gate – Common Professional Examination and Law Society Finals. Admitted as a Solicitor 1988; called to the Bar 2003.



International Trademark Association
Panel of Neutrals

Language Proficiency

English (mother tongue)

Italian and French (good understanding, but a little rusty)

Recent Mediation Experience and Training

Accredited by CEDR following completion of mediator course in 2004. Involved in several mediations since early 2000s, primarily in the IP field, both as representative of a party and as mediator/assistant mediator. Member of Nominet's panel of experts for domain name dispute resolution and has decided numerous cases in that capacity.

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