

Job Description – Trade Mark Attorney (Part Qualified)

Overview

Mewburn Ellis LLP is a leading European Firm of Intellectual Property Specialists. We provide commercially focused, creative advice on obtaining, enforcing and exploiting intellectual property rights including patents, trade marks and designs to a wide range of clients who enjoy our straight forward approach and flexible working practices.

Our qualified patent and trade mark attorneys, along with our legal services team and dispute resolution team, assist our clients across the entire range of IP services. We have experience working in numerous diverse industry sectors

Job Purpose

Part Qualified trade mark attorney to advise clients around protecting and enforcing their trade mark and design rights by providing high quality advice and support on the registration, use and exploitation of new and existing trade marks. You will ensure clients successfully protect the identity and integrity of their brands including other IP rights, such as copyright, registered designs and licensing.

As a firm with an excellent reputation for training, you will be working closely with a Trade Mark Partner of the firm who will be responsible for your day-to-day training and development in order to achieve full qualification as a Trade Mark Attorney, whilst working on real-life cases.

Main Tasks and Responsibilities

You will immediately start working on real-life work products under the supervision of your principal, who will help you to learn the legal and practical skills required. In this manner, you will have the benefit of the many years of experience of our senior qualified attorneys.

We will endeavour to subject you to as many types of the work we deal with as possible. These types of work include:

- Advising on trade mark availability searches, including researching existing trade marks, by carrying out national and international searches.
- Guiding clients through the legal aspects of introducing new trade marks to the market and handling registration renewals.
- Advising on protection strategies and overseeing all procedural details of trade mark and design registrations in the UK and internationally.
- Advise on the legal aspects of marketing new goods or services and their introduction into the marketplace, as well developing brand enlargement.

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- Advising on related issues of intellectual property, such as design and copyright.
- Filing and prosecuting trade mark and design applications in the UK and elsewhere.
- Managing, protecting and enhancing trade marks and designs that have been registered, including filing and prosecuting oppositions or cancellations against other parties' trade marks or designs.
- Taking appropriate action if clients' trade mark or design rights are infringed or passed off. This could involve settlement negotiations or providing support to solicitors if the case comes to litigation.
- Keeping up with trade mark and design renewals, and managing trade mark and design portfolios for clients.
- Advising on the transfer of trade marks and designs.
- Advising clients on licensing trade marks and designs, including their position, options, which countries to seek registration in and the most cost-effective ways of achieving this.
- Corresponding with a large number of different entities, including developing working relationships with brand managers and providing backup to solicitors and barristers.

Person Specification – Skills and Experience

If you are currently on the trademark qualification route and have proven knowledge of trade mark design filing and prosecution, can demonstrate tactical thinking with solid commercial awareness, then this is the perfect opportunity for you. The ideal candidate will be a team player, who can display sharp communication skills and has the capability of forming an analytical approach towards the client's needs. Excellent organisation and prioritisation skills are important to thrive in this role as well as having a flexible attitude.

Education and Training

Part Qualified CITMA Attorney

The firm requires a candidate with a strong academic background

Experience

Minimum of 1 year experience.

General Skills

- Ability to handle and prioritise large volumes of data
- Ability to work under pressure and to tight deadlines
- Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing in a clear, concise and friendly manner is essential.
- Excellent organisational skills
- Excellent I.T skills

General

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Location: London
Terms: Permanent
Hours: Monday – Friday, 9.00 am – 5:00 pm
Salary & Benefits: Details on request

Applications to: Kate O'Rourke, Head of Trade Marks