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Appointments

- Accredited Mediator

Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association

Education

- BSc (Hons); BComm (Hons) - University of Birmingham
- Diploma in Law - City University
- BVC - Inns of Court School of Law

Intellectual Property CV

Overview

Christopher has over 20 years' experience of intellectual property litigation. He specialises in all aspects of intellectual property and technological commercial law, including that relating to patents, registered designs, unregistered design right, copyright, passing off and trademarks. He is also highly experienced with regards to the workings of franchising and distribution agreements, restrictive covenants, confidential information and trade secrets.

Having studied engineering at University and obtained a post graduate diploma-in-law before going to Bar School, Christopher completed pupillage at the specialist intellectual property Chambers of Robin Jacob (subsequently Lord Justice, recently retired) with David Kitchen (now Lord Justice) as his pupil supervisor.

He has a loyal following of solicitors and clients, and has been commended in the legal directories for his work and client skills. Chambers and Partners has listed him for many years noting, for example, that he is "well known for his skill in design right matters", and The Legal 500 has for some time recommended him for intellectual property matters: "Commercial, efficient and communicates with clients with ease."

Chris is recognised for being client-friendly yet formidable in court. He has both technical understanding of his subject matter and the ability to fight tooth and nail for those he represents. These attributes have helped Chris build a superb practice and he remains very much in-demand in his areas of expertise.

Recommendations

“Particularly well known for his skill in design right matters, alongside passing-off and trade mark issues. A qualified engineer, he regularly works with clients such as manufacturing companies.”

Chambers and Partners 2021

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Chambers and Partners 2020

“Very knowledgeable in hard IP cases.”

“He has a very good manner and is secure on his feet.”

Chambers and Partners 2019

“He is a very competent and measured barrister. He is unflappable.”

“He is methodical and client-friendly.”

Chambers and Partners 2018

“He’s a great barrister - approachable and client-friendly, he is nonetheless very hardcore with cross-examination.”

“Technically excellent but this does not detract from real fighting qualities when they are required.”

Chambers and Partners 2017

“He is an outstanding advocate and clearly knew the case inside out.”

“He is very good with the client - very user-friendly.”

Chambers and Partners 2016

“Superb performances in court.”

“He has a very nice manners that can turn to deadly aggression in an instant.”

Chambers and Partners 2015

“Commercial, efficient and communicates with clients with ease.”

Ranked Tier 3 in Commercial Litigation, Northern Circuit.

The Legal 500 2024

Ranked Tier 1 in Intellectual Property and Tier 3 in Commercial Litigation

The Legal 500, 2023

Ranked Tier 1 in Intellectual Property and Tier 3 in Commercial Litigation, Northern Circuit.

The Legal 500, 2022

“A calm, knowledgeable and able advocate.”

The Legal 500 2021

“Practices across a broad range of commercial litigation matters.”

The Legal 500 2020

“His practice includes commercial and contractual disputes and insolvency matters.”

The Legal 500 2018/19

“Recommended for a wide range of commercial matters.”

The Legal 500 2017

“Quick-thinking, flexible and tenacious.”

The Legal 500 2016

“User-friendly, client-friendly and great on detail.”

The Legal 500 2015

“An expert in cases involving technology issues.”

The Legal 500 2014

Cases

A substantial claim involving infringement of registered designs, unregistered design right, and a trade mark relating to commercial vehicles culminating in a 6 day trial in the Patents Court, before Arnold J.

Acting for the inventor in a case involving disputed ownership and validity of patents in relation to the delivery of certain pharmaceuticals, with a multi-million pound alleged value. Following the exchange of substantial pleadings the case settled favourably for Christopher's client at a mediation attended by him.

A disputed claim to ownership of certain unregistered design rights and trade marks relating to a line of clothing sold in the course of a business and promoted in a West End show.

Representing a firm of solicitors against another firm which had used its name as an Adword for Google searches.

Acting for Cotton Traders Limited against counterfeiters using its name.

Representing Boss Model agency; Littlewoods; Primark; and Redrow among others, against companies seeking to pass themselves off as and for his clients.

Acting for the exclusive supplier of fish to certain major high street food chains in an action against a group of ex officers and employees and their New Co, involving breaches of covenant, breaches of duty and the taking and use of confidential information and trade secrets.