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European Patent Attorney
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Specialisms

Patents including employee compensation claims - Trade Marks - Copyright & Design

Sectors

Chemical - Construction - Fashion - Financial services - FMCG - Food - Manufacturing
- Mechanical Engineering - Plastics and Polymers - Medical Devices - Nanotechnology
- Oil & Gas - Pharmaceutical

Practice Groups

Engineering & Design - Chemical & Material - Trade Mark & Branding - New Ventures
- Legal Support

Ian has extensive experience of patent drafting and prosecution work for a wide variety of clients from international companies to SMEs. In addition to his chemical / pharmaceutical work, Ian has built up a wide range of expertise in the areas of nutraceuticals, plastics and their applications, oilfield technology, domestic appliances, fashion clothing, security and the environment. He also combines this with Trade Mark protection and advice where appropriate, as an adjunct to Scott & York's specialised Trade Marks and Branding group.

Ian also has lengthy experience of contentious matters both in the UK and overseas and has an excellent track record of resolving these matters, sometimes in unusual ways, to our clients' satisfaction.

He has a BSc (Hons) and PhD in Chemistry from Imperial College, London. Before entering the intellectual property profession, Ian spent some 20 years in the pharmaceutical industry working for Glaxo Group Research. He has over 40 patents in his name and his research work led directly to two of GSK's top selling drugs: Imigran for the treatment of migraine and Zofran for the treatment of emesis during cancer therapy. Ian also worked alongside engineers in construction and IT project management roles within Glaxo, and is therefore well able to analyse clients' problems from both a technical and commercial point-of-view.