



Dominic Forsythe

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Dominic is a European Patent Attorney (EPA), UK Patent Attorney, French Patent Attorney (CPI) and European Patent Litigator (UPC representative). Dominic has leveraged an exceptionally strong academic background in physics, and experience with software, to grow a large and technologically diverse portfolio of patent cases, with a particular focus currently on innovations involving novel physical effects and electromagnetism, microfluidics, lithographic manufacturing technologies, medical devices, laser manufacturing, and machine learning. He is head of the firm's Electronics practice group.

A large proportion of his portfolio also consists of multidisciplinary cases that span some of the traditional boundaries between technological areas. These multidisciplinary cases encompass in particular innovations in the area of bioinformatics, including software-based systems for supporting gene sequencing and gene based diagnostics, mining biological databases, designing therapeutic molecules or modifications to molecules to improve efficacy, extracting information from medical imaging data, and analysing electrical signals in the brain.

Dominic deals primarily with patent drafting, prosecution and opposition work in Europe, representing a range of client types from young startup companies to well established multinationals. Dominic has particular experience with university spin-outs, having worked closely with many world-leading academics to build IP strategies and portfolios that have supported the transition from initial ideas in the lab to commercially successful new companies. Dominic has also led high profile opposition proceedings representing some of the largest multinational companies in the world, and has extensive experience of leading successful hearings at the European Patent Office, before both opposition and examining divisions.

Dominic completed a four year Masters degree in natural sciences at the University of Cambridge in the UK, specialising in experimental and theoretical physics. Having been inspired by lectures in thermodynamics by Dr Stephen Julian, Dominic went on to complete a PhD under Dr Julian's supervision, looking at the evolution of quantum properties of the metallic state in exotic superconducting materials near so-called quantum critical points. Dominic was subsequently elected as a junior research fellow at Trinity College in Cambridge based on the success of his PhD work, where he continued research work in the area of strongly correlated electron systems before joining J A Kemp in 2002. Dominic has a deep understanding of academic culture and practical research environments, which has enabled him rapidly to win the confidence of, and to work effectively with, clients from this background. A high proportion of his work originates from direct contacts with world leading universities and academics.

IAM Patent 1000 comments that "Dominic Forsythe's ability to get to grips with new technical fields is fantastic, but what really sets him apart is his ability to collaborate with inventors. Dominic is great at engaging with all inventors to work together and produce the best possible outcome. Dominic's professionalism and conscientiousness are second to none and one shouldn't hesitate to select him for any project."

Dominic became a partner at J A Kemp in 2012. He speaks fluent English and French and is currently based in J A Kemp's Paris office.

Services & Specialisms

Patents, Freedom to Operate, IP Strategy, IP Due Diligence, Patent Drafting, Filing and Prosecution, IP Review, Patent Oppositions and Appeals, Portfolio and Cost Management

Location

Paris

Education

University of Cambridge, Masters Degree in Natural Sciences; University of Cambridge, PhD in Physics

Qualifications

European Patent Attorney (EPA), UK Chartered Patent Attorney, French Patent Attorney (CPI), Representative before the UPC, Patent Litigation in Europe Diploma

Membership of Professional Bodies

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA); Member of the Institute of Professional Representatives before the European Patent Office (EPI)

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