



## Mark Roberts

Partner, European and UK Patent  
Attorney, European Patent Litigator

Mark is a European and UK Patent Attorney. He is recommended by *The Legal 500* where clients comment that he “stands out with regard to his resourcefulness, responsiveness, and effectiveness in prosecuting patent applications and handling opposition proceedings in the UK and before the European Patent Office.” *IAM Patent 1000* identifies Mark as a recommended individual and notes he is “a highly skilled and knowledgeable practitioner”.

In Managing Intellectual Property (MIP) Mark is described as “logical, responsive and appropriate with respect to his dealings with the patent office and the client.” The *Legal 500* comments that Mark Roberts demonstrates “great understanding of surgical instruments and techniques but also an ability to keep within strict budgetary constraints.” A client is quoted as saying “Mark is very dedicated and great fun to work with. We have been working in several opposition proceedings where he has a great track record for our company. He comes well prepared and adds great value to the in-house team. He works effectively and has prepared alternative scenarios that bring value, which also enable him to swiftly switch gear in proceedings, when need might be.” Mark is also listed as a Patent Expert in Expert Guides.

Mark handles a broad spectrum of work originating from the UK and USA, including drafting, filing and prosecuting patent applications as well as advising on third party patents as part of due diligence and freedom to operate exercises. He has a special focus on medical devices and medical machines and acts for a number of medical technology clients. He visits patent applicants and attorneys regularly in the USA.

Mark is extremely experienced in contentious proceedings before the European Patent Office and usually attends several Opposition Division hearings each year, as well as attending a significant number of Examining Division and Board of Appeal hearings. Mark has attended over 100 EPO hearings and has acted in a number of commercially important cases, both defending his clients’ patents and attacking patents owned by competitors.

Mark has detailed knowledge of the intricacies of European prosecution and is also responsible within J A Kemp for monitoring changes in patent law worldwide.

As well as European and British patent work, Mark has substantial experience in obtaining patent protection for clients abroad, especially in the USA, Japan, Korea and China. Mark is experienced in drafting, filing and prosecuting families of applications abroad and is able to coordinate patent filing programmes in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

Mark joined J A Kemp in 1997 and became a partner in 2007. He is based in our London office.

### Services & Specialisms

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

### Location

London

### Education

University of Oxford, Masters Degree in Engineering Science

### Qualifications

European Patent Attorney; UK Chartered Patent Attorney; Representative before the UPC

### 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); Affiliate membership of the Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine (IPEM)

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