



Martin Jackson

Partner, European and UK Patent Attorney, European Patent Litigator, Patent Attorney Litigator

Martin is a European and UK Patent Attorney. *The Legal 500* identifies Martin as a “recommended individual” who is “efficient, courteously critical when needed and has an excellent technical grasp”.

Martin’s experience over two decades is concentrated in the electrical, software, manufacturing and engineering fields, including marine engineering and agricultural and crop processing machinery. However, given his background, he often handles technology which falls between engineering and chemistry, particularly materials related matters including packaging plastics, metals, ceramics, semiconductors, composites and materials processing.

Martin has a special interest in cleantech and has start-up clients operating exclusively in this field (e.g. LEDs, wave energy, wind energy, PVs, recycling etc) as well as multinational clients for whom he acts in connection with cleantech innovations (e.g. in transport, water etc).

He advises clients on freedom to operate matters, as well as enforcement, drafting, filing and prosecuting patent applications at the European Patent Office (EPO) and elsewhere. The inventions Martin handles include those made by academics (including a 2014 Nobel Prize for Physics winner!), start-ups and multinational industrial research groups. He aims to give practical advice based on an understanding of the commercial goals of his clients. Martin is also highly experienced in litigation before the EPO both at the Opposition and Appeal levels. He usually attends several EPO hearings in contentious proceedings each year. Martin’s extensive experience at the EPO includes defending European patents against oppositions in which allegations of prior use were raised and in support of which witnesses were heard by the EPO. Martin is additionally qualified as a litigator and holds the Higher Courts Litigation Certificate, which enables him to conduct IP litigation in the Intellectual Property Enterprise Court and the High Court and on appeal to the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court. Martin is also a registered European Patent Litigator, able to represent clients before the Unified Patent Court (UPC).

Martin’s client base ranges from large multinationals to small start-up companies developing their IP position. Major clients are concentrated in Japan, where he visits patent applicants and agents regularly, and in the UK and Continental Europe.

Martin’s other responsibilities within the firm include the monitoring developments at the UPC and changes in law and practice in Europe, and training new members. As a dual British-German national, Martin speaks German fluently and works frequently from our Munich office.

Martin joined J A Kemp in 1998 and became a partner in 2008. He is Head of the firm’s Engineering and IT Group and, since 2023, also the firm’s Senior Partner.

Services & Specialisms

Patents, Freedom to Operate, The Unified Patent Court, IP Strategy, IP Due Diligence, Patent Drafting, Filing and Prosecution, IP Review, UPC Litigation & IP Litigation, IP Dispute Resolution, Patent Search Services, Patent Oppositions and Appeals, Portfolio and Cost Management

Location

London

Education

Imperial College London, Honours Degree in Materials Science and Engineering; University of Cambridge, PhD in Metallurgy

Qualifications

European Patent Attorney; UK Chartered Patent Attorney, Representative before the UPC, Higher Courts Patent Attorney Litigator

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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