

Curriculum Vitae

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European and Chartered Patent Attorney, Head of Patents, Senior Manager

- Award Winning Patent Lawyer with over twenty-three years' experience preparing and managing contentious and non-contentious patent work, and IP policy and governance.
- Appointee to the UK Government's Expert Advisory Groups on IP
- Represents UK Industry for the CBI for European IP matters
- Past President, VP and Council Member of the IP Federation
- Senior management and leadership experience
- Passionate advocate for Diversity & Inclusion
- Rated Outstanding in professional appraisals for 24 of 25 years
- Over a decade of deep technical experience in software at IBM



Qualifications and Professional Development

UK Registered Patent Attorney & European Patent Attorney	
Post Graduate Certificate (IP Law) (QM University of London)	2003
BSc (Honours) Computer Science (First Class) (IBM Scholarship)	1996
Scholarship Level (S-Level) Physics and Computer Science	1993
Advanced Level Maths, Physics, Computer Science	1993

Professional Memberships & Appointments



Fellow, Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA)
Member, Institute of Professional Representatives, European Patent Office (EPO)
Vice President (Past President), IP Federation
Council Member, IP Federation
Industrial Appointee, UK Government IP Thematic Working Group
Representative for British Industry, BUSINESSEUROPE Patents Working Group
Visiting Fellow, Bournemouth University
Visiting Faculty Member, Centre for IP Policy and Management (CIPPM)
Council Member, Standing Advisory Council of the EPO (SACEPO)
Member, SACEPO Working Party for EPC Rules
Member, SACEPO Committee for the EPO Boards of Appeal
Member & Examiner, Committee of European Qualifying Exam (EQE) for Attorneys
Drafting Examiner, EQE Legal Paper
Regular Co-Author, European Patents Handbook (CIPA)
Member, CIPA Patents Committee European Liaison Committee
Award Winner, Managing IP Corporate IP Star 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

Professional Experience

BT **Head of Patents** *September 2021 - date*
British Telecommunications plc, Intellectual Property Department

- Strategic Portfolio Management: Overseeing BT's patent portfolio, focusing on commercial and monetisation strategies, while also considering tax implications, to maximise intellectual property value.
- Leadership and Professional Development: Leading a diverse team of patent attorneys, setting the highest professional standards through direct engagement and contributions to legal profession training and standards.
- Operational Excellence: Streamlining the BT Patents function for optimal efficiency and cost-effectiveness, achieving significant savings (over £0.5m in 2023/24) through prudent management of resources and vendor relationships.
- Cultivating Talent: Foster a dynamic and supportive work environment that attracts top talent in the competitive patent law field, emphasising intellectual honesty, transparency, and exceptional teamwork.
- Financial Acumen: Handle the complex financial aspects of BT's patent activities, including sophisticated planning and forecasting, to ensure strategic financial management.
- Policy Advocacy: Act as the principal architect of BT's Patent Policy, drafting all IP Policy submissions in close collaboration with the Group Policy Director, ensuring BT's interests are well represented.
- Influential Representation: Represent BT in key forums, including the IP Federation and various government IP policy committees, particularly within the Department of Business and Trade and the Department of Science, Innovation and Technology AI working groups, to influence policy in favour of BT.

BT **Senior Patent Attorney** *March 2013 – September 2021*
British Telecommunications plc, Intellectual Property Department

- Senior patent attorney delivering patent services and contributing to corporate patent strategy reflecting insights in, and changes to, the patent system and commercial realities.
- Extensive invention protection work including: invention mining; evaluation; and patent application preparation and prosecution (UK, EP and PCT). I routinely generated over a third of BT's patent filings per year, extending to over 40% in 2018. I contributed to portfolio maintenance, counterparting and filing decisions. I collaborated closely with overseas counsels in multiple jurisdictions including the USA, China and Japan.
- Delivery of tangible positive change leading to increased patent application throughput, improved patent application quality, more effective engagement with patent offices, supporting an objective and affordable patent portfolio management programme through patent scoring, delivering high-quality staff education, and I assisted in the procuring of patent management system software.

BU **Visiting Fellow** *September 2020 – date*
Bournemouth University, Department of Law

- Engagement in teaching and research including the Postgraduate Certificate in Intellectual Property Law regulated by the IP Regulation Board.
- Faculty member of the Centre for the Intellectual Property Policy and Management.

AVIDITY IP **Senior Managing Patent Attorney, Head of Practice** *April 2012 – April 2013*
Avidity IP, Private Patent Practice

- Head of Practice for the firm's Electronics, Telecoms, Computer Science and Engineering professional service groups, reporting to the CEO.
- Managing a team of lawyers and paralegals in the delivery of all aspects of patent services within the practice.

- Wide-ranging caseload including software, - engineering and medical technology. Delivered patent drafting, prosecution and strategy services, and I advised and managed on contentious issues.
- Handling disputes and litigation in the UK, India, China and Poland.
- Managing and supervising all attorneys in the practice area including mentoring, education, training and peer guidance.
- Managing relationships, instructions and supervision of associate attorneys in overseas jurisdictions including the USA, Canada, continental Europe and India.
- Undertaking business development, marketing, client and financial management.



Senior Patent Attorney

2002 - 2012

IBM United Kingdom Ltd., Intellectual Property Department

- Invention Protection including: invention mining; evaluation; and patent application preparation and prosecution (UK, EP and PCT).
- Advising on: commercial and open source software licenses; copyright contamination; and cleanroom development.
- Advising on patent Infringement and validity including adversely held patent studies and oppositions. Considerable success in EPO opposition proceedings.
- Preparation and review of patent proof packages and rebuttals.
- IBM worldwide expert on the patentability of software in Europe.
- First European attorney to invalidate third party patents using open source software.
- Providing advice and counsel directly to Dave Kappos, then Vice President and Assistant General Counsel for Intellectual property, IBM Corporation.
- Preparing and delivering education including: direct mentoring and training of unqualified staff and annual delivery of continuing legal education.
- Drafted brief of amicus curiae IBM in re. G3/08 at the EPO. Drafted IBM's submission to the UK Government ("Hargreaves") Review of Intellectual Property. Formulated a vision of a future patent system on behalf of Dave Kappos for sharing with then EPO President Alison Brimelow.



Lecturer (part time), Software Engineering

2001 - 2002

University of Portsmouth

- Provided software engineering education and tutorials including the design and development of Java software applications.



Professional Development Manager

2000 - 2002

IBM United Kingdom Ltd., Global Services Division

- Direct first line management of over 100 IBM technical staff including graduates and students.



Software Engineer

1998 - 2000

IBM Development Laboratories, Hursley Park, Winchester, UK

- Developed and maintained implementations of the Java virtual machine and associated technologies. Managed the service relationship between IBM and Sun Microsystems.
- Seconded to Sun Microsystems, San Jose, California for software development work (October/November 1998).



Information Technology Specialist

1993 - 1998

IBM United Kingdom Ltd.

- Awarded IBM UK scholarships to study BSc. Computer Science.
- Seconded to Scottish Power Ltd for the development of IT solutions for the deregulation of the UK energy market.
- Technical pre-sales and sales activities including customer presentations.