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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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Nationality: British

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

M.A., Ph.D., (Cantab);
PgDL, BVC (BPP Law School);
Barrister-at-Law (Ireland).

LANGUAGES

English

PRESENT POSITION

King's Counsel (England and Wales)
Barrister (Ireland)

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Society for Computers and Law
Law Library of Ireland

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Commercial and Technology Disputes

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EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Regularly acts and advises in relation to copyright infringement, design right infringement, technology licensing (copyright and patent) and breach of confidence. Has a particular focus on intellectual property issues arising out of the use of computer software, has a deep knowledge and understanding of software which is highly valued. Example cases:

Acting in a high-value dispute involving allegations of breach of contractual and equitable duties of confidence in relation to design materials, computer software and know-how;

Acting in a high-value UNCITRAL arbitration about the licensing of patents and technology rights relating to 3G access stratum technology;

Advising a telecoms services company in relation to alleged copyright infringement of open-source software and violations of the GNU Public Licence;

Acting for a software development house in a claim against former employees for copyright infringement and breach of confidence;

Acting for major network equipment manufacturer in licensing and copyright infringement arbitration (LCIA) arising out of the sale and license back of service provisioning software;

Acting for well-known software house in relation to a licensing dispute arising out of the use of its software on virtualized and partitioned environments;

Advising and acting for numerous users and suppliers of software in relation to the scope and effect of their licence agreements;

Acting for equipment manufacturer accused of authorizing infringement of design rights by reverse engineering printed circuit boards;

Acting for fabless IC designers in relation to a claim for breach of confidence and of non-compete covenants arising out of the sale of a semiconductor business;

Acting for industry organization against a manufacturer and distributor of set-top boxes that circumvent Digital Rights Management technology;

Advising on resale rights in relation to “used” licences for commodity software;

Advising in relation to the application of EU *sui generis* database rights to online services.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

An Expert on the Nominet Panel since 2019.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Lavy & Hervey, *The Law of Artificial Intelligence*, Sweet & Maxwell, 2019 (1st ed), 2024 (2nd ed).

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Has extensive experience in court litigation spanning in excess of 20 years. Has been involved in several of the largest IT cases in England & Wales during that period.

EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION

Has acted as counsel in multiple arbitrations over the last 20 years, particularly those involving computers and IT systems.
