
WIPO LIST OF NEUTRALS

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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Nationality: British/Australian

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

M.Sc., (Management Studies), Durham University Business School, 1984;
M.A., (Cantab), 1978;
BA., (Hons) Natural Sciences (Physics & Mathematics), Cambridge University, 1974;

Registered Trademark Attorney, 1994;
Chartered Patent Attorney, 1989;
European Patent Attorney, 1989.

LANGUAGES

English
French (not fluent, but reasonable comprehension)

PRESENT POSITION

Consultant.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Patent & Trademark Attorney in charge of Bristol Office of Page Hargrave since November 1998;
Principal professional work on trademark and internet issues;
Responsible for Page Hargrave website.
BT Group Legal Services Intellectual Property Department, London, 1984-98;
Electronic engineer (wireline logging) for Schlumberger (1974-80) and Orkustofnun (Icelandic National Energy Authority), 1981.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA);
Member, Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys (ITMA);
Member, Institute of Professional representatives before the European Patent Office (EPI);
Member, International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (AIPPI).

AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

All aspects of trademark practice internationally, including acting directly before the UK Trade Marks Registry and Community Trade Marks Office (OHIM) and International Bureau of WIPO; internet IP issues, including copyright and domain name issues, and patent matters.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Contentious & non-contentious IP experience in patents, trademarks, designs, copyright, contracts and licensing matters;
Advising on multimedia and information superhighway IP issues (including internet, interactive TV and on-line games network matters), especially with regard to copyright and trademark/domain name conflicts;
Lobbying and negotiation with European Commission, European Parliament and UK DTI on various IP policy matters. Dealt with all BT registered designs;
General IP experience includes software licensing; patenting optical communications technology; IP contract drafting & advice; complex HMG/EC collaborative R&D agreements (e.g. RACE, ESPRIT etc); major IP agreements relating to merger, joint venture proposals; trademark filing and prosecution in over 40 countries and trademark and passing-off litigation; trademark oppositions; maintained BT IP Department's information sources (library, on-line and intranet).
INTA Internet Sub-Committee member 1997-00;
CIPA tutor for European Qualifying Exams 1989-92;
EPI European Qualifying Examination Examiner (Paper D - Law) 1992-95;
Member CIPA/ITMA joint working group on the future of the professions 1994-95.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Responsible for internet domain name and trademark related matters in BT from 1996-98; consultant to BT Internet & Multimedia Services division 1998-99;
Active participant in IAHC and subsequent gTLD-MoU, IFWP and US NTIA and WIPO Internet Domain Name debates and processes;
Represented International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and European Public Telecommunications Network Operators' Association (ETNO) at WIPO hearings on trademarks and internet domain names; led ICC Internet Domain Name Working Group;
Member of International Trade Mark Association (INTA) Internet sub-committee 1997-00;
Active in ICANN debates and processes; participated in ICANN wg/b and wg/c on famous mark and gTLD issues. ICANN @large member;
Managed BT involvement in leading UK case on trademark and domain name conflicts (*BT & Ors v One In A Million and Ors*) through first instance and Court of Appeal. Also dealt with and advised on numerous other domain name conflict matters settled out of court.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Contributed UK section to *INTA* publication on "Trademark Law & the Internet," (1999);
Presentations on internet issues in-house and at conferences (see e.g. "TRADE MARKS & DOMAIN NAMES -An industry perspective" - IP on the Internet & e-Commerce Conference - September 1998 in Brussels - version available at www.pagehargrave.co.uk);
Appeared in TEN legal training videos on the One In A Million case;
"Of Aliases, Nicknames and Trade Marks: Reforming Internet Domain Name Delegation", *Computer and Telecommunications Law Review* Article, December 1996.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Managed BT involvement in leading UK case on trademark and domain name conflicts (*BT & Ors v. One In A Million and Ors*) through first instance and Court of Appeal;
Additionally, involved in briefing barristers and in settlement negotiations on various other occasions in a variety of IP proceedings, including other domain name cases, copyright, design and patent matters;
Also experience of inter-partes proceedings before the UK and Community offices and at UK Hearings.
