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David Musker is a European and UK Patent Attorney, a UK Registered Trade Mark Attorney and a European Trade Mark and Design Attorney, practising before the UK and European patent and trade mark offices. He is also a Certified Patent Litigator entitled to act in industrial property cases in the UK Courts. David has been a partner in the London office of R G C Jenkins & Co since 1993. He is co-head of the Jenkins design team, and his areas of practice and interest include designs, shape marks, patents in the fields of software and telecommunications, advocacy before the UK and European Patent Offices, and support for industrial property litigation.

On January 1 2003 he filed the first Community Design and, later, the first e-filed Community Design. In 2003, he became the first Patent Attorney to appear *pro bono* before an English Patent Court judge.

He is President of the Designs Commission of the Union of European Practitioners in Intellectual Property (UNION/UEPIP), Chairman of the Designs & Copyright Committee of CIPA, the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys, and a member of the Designs Committee of ITMA, the Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys.

David graduated in Materials Science from Imperial College, London University in 1982, winning the Sir Arthur Acland Prize for Humanities that year. After working as a patent and trade mark searcher, in 1986 he became a trainee Patent Attorney, winning the UK trainee patent drafting competition in 1988. He qualified as a UK Patent Attorney in 1989, winning the Gill prize for highest overall examination marks in the qualifying examination, and as a European Patent Attorney in 1990. He was awarded an LLM in IP Litigation (with Distinction) by Nottingham Trent University in 2007.

David is the author of two books on designs - "The Design Directive" (CIPA, 2001) and "Community Design Law – Principles and Practice (Sweet & Maxwell, 2002); co-author of the second edition of "Foundation Level Designs" (CIPA 2002); and co-editor of CIPA and ITMA's Community Design Handbook (Sweet & Maxwell, 2006). He is on the Editorial Boards of the European Copyright and Design Reports (ECDR) and the Journal of Intellectual Property Law and Practice (JIPLP), and is also a regular conference speaker and author of a number of articles.

He has lectured on IP at CEIPI (within Robert Schumann University, Strasbourg); Queen Mary College, London University; Bristol University and ETH, Zurich. He received an award for his services to education and training at the first World Leaders European IP awards in 2004, and regularly features in Euromoney LMG's Guides to the World's Leading Trade Mark and Patent practitioners. The Legal 500 survey of UK patent attorneys cited David as attracting 'great professional respect for his competence, shrewdness, client skills and commercial brain', and Chambers described him as "one of the leading experts on designs".