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Leigh Martin practices in the area of intellectual property law, with particular focus on trademarks and designs.

Leigh advises on trademark and design strategy, prosecution and portfolio management, as well as national and international enforcement and litigation, and IP transactions.

Leigh heads the IP team in Leeds.

EXPERIENCE

- Acting for a multinational consumer products company in registered design infringement case in the High Court, including coordination of related actions in the Netherlands, Germany and Poland
- Advising an international financial services company in relation to brand clearance for multiple marks across eight jurisdictions in order to facilitate speedy completion of corporate acquisitions
- Representing a world famous US hotel and restaurant chain in enforcement actions against sound-alike businesses in the UK
- Providing strategic global trademark advice and international portfolio management services across 70 territories to UK-based consumer products business
- Acting for a multinational dairy products business in resolution of trademark infringement claim by UK bakery products giant
- Advising a domestic chemicals manufacturer in relation to the launch of a new consumer brand across the US and the EU
- Acting for a domestic appliance business in the coordination of patent disputes across the EU and Russia
- Advising UK-based construction products manufacturer in relation to proceedings in South Africa for copyright infringement, passing-off and unfair competition

CREDENTIALS

RELATED SERVICES

- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Trademark and Copyright
- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Patent Litigation
- Cross-Border Litigation

RELATED SECTORS

- Industrials
- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail
- Technology
- Media, Sport and Entertainment

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Prior Experience

- DLA Piper, 2017 to date
- Head of IP department at UK law firm, 2009-2016
- Partner at UK law firm, 2004-2009
- DLA Piper, 2000-2009
- London-based media litigation firm, 1996-2000

Recognitions

- 'He is top-notch - smart, creative and solves problems in a very business-friendly fashion' Chambers & Partners 2017

Education

- University of Cambridge, Law (MA)
- King's College, University of London - Postgraduate Diploma in UK and EU Law of Copyright and Related Rights (PGDip)
- Bristol University, Postgraduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Law and Practice (PGDip)

Memberships

- Member of INTA
- Volunteer Appropriate Adult with Leeds Youth Offending Service

INSIGHTS

Publications

Brexit and trade marks

30 January 2020

Key points to understand about Brexit and its immediate impact in relation to trade marks.

No-deal Brexit: Impact on trademarks and designs

1 September 2019

While a range of outcomes, including [a departure under the terms of the current Withdrawal Agreement](#), remains possible, it is important for businesses to plan for a no-deal Brexit, in which the UK leaves the EU without a withdrawal agreement or other deal. Here we look at the potential impact of a no-deal Brexit on the protection of trademarks and designs

Events

[Previous](#)

The implications of Brexit in the UK and the EU from a trademarks perspective

7 October 2020

Webinar
