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Since launching in 2014, Patent Boutique LLP has acquired an enviable track record for delivering results for its growing and impressive client roster. Partners Jon Broughton, Simon Foster and Richard Leoni are joined by senior associates Shu Ono, Lucy Stewart and Francis Tierney, chartered and European patent attorneys James Bell, Chris Rodger and Rachel Lanigan-Mills, European patent attorney James Eaton, and technical assistant Tom Lawrence.

Low-cost modern working practices, which are difficult for established firms to migrate towards, enable us to maximise efficiency in line with our clients' interests. We are able to work anywhere: our records management system is cloud-based, together with our document management, billing and disaster recovery systems.

We are not constrained by a history of large service charges, which traditional firms are finding painful to phase out. Our billing practice reflects our ethos that our substantive input on a case is significantly more valuable than our ability to fill in forms. The detail of our charging scale is shown below, but we stress that we can and do employ alternative models to hourly billing, such as fixed rates or retainers. You just have to ask.

We really enjoy what we do, and we strive to ensure that our clients enjoy working with us. Providing an excellent service, tailored to your needs, is our goal. We will do that in a way that allows you to relax in the knowledge that you are our top priority.

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# OUR BIOS

## PARTNERS

### SIMON FOSTER

MEng MSc CPA EPA

Simon's expertise covers the full spectrum of patent work from drafting and prosecuting patent applications, to EP oppositions and appeals. He has represented clients directly at the EPO, UKIPO, and before OHIM. Simon specialises in securing the grant of difficult to prosecute applications and representing his clients in contentious matters, such as oral proceedings.

Simon thrives on cases involving complex technical subject matter and legal issues, especially those relating to materials science, engineering, formulation chemistry, pharmaceuticals, drug delivery, medical devices, and device/active combinations. Simon regularly devises and manages global filing strategies for his clients. He has extensive experience working with fellow attorneys throughout Asia and the Americas, in particular the USA, Japan and China.

Before founding Patent Boutique, Simon worked for a nationwide firm of patent attorneys, and before that as in-house patent counsel in both the pharmaceutical and consumer goods industries.



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## JON BROUGHTON

PhD CPA EPA

Jon's practice is concentrated in patent matters, mostly in the biotechnology and pharmaceuticals fields, but also in chemistry and mechanics. He has provided written and verbal advocacy at opposition and appeal levels at the EPO, before the UKIPO and before the English High Court. He is skilled at protecting clients' IP assets from third party attacks, and clearing the way for freedom to operate by going on the offensive, and has a high success rate on both sides.



Most of Jon's contentious work is in oppositions and appeals at the EPO. He has led clients in attack and defence of patents for over 15 years and has attended over 75 hearings. He has been involved in some of the largest cases at the EPO and has appeared before the Enlarged Board of Appeal. Jon also regularly provides infringement, validity and freedom to operate opinions.

Jon's life sciences work has encompassed technologies including engineered antibodies and other biologics, CRISPR, vaccines for infectious diseases and cancer, diagnostic methods, kits and devices, gene patents, precision medicine and companion diagnostics, nucleic acid array technology, medical devices, pharmaceuticals and microfluidics.

Jon started his career in IP as a patent examiner in the UKIPO, and has worked in private practice for over 22 years.

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## RICHARD LEONI

MBiochem (Oxon) MSc CPA EPA

The bulk of Richard's work has been the prosecution of EP patent applications, UK patent applications and UK SPC applications. He has regularly instructed foreign associates regarding the prosecution of national phase entries.

Richard is experienced in the prosecution of applications concerning medical devices and assay technologies, e.g. lumenal stents and lumenal stent delivery devices, devices for treating mitral valve regurgitation, microfluidic devices and their uses, single molecule analysers and their uses, oligonucleotide arrays and both PCR-based and antibody-based assay technologies. He has also been responsible for applications involving the further medical uses of pharmaceutical compositions and applications within the areas of genetics, genomics, molecular biology and biotechnology, e.g. biofuels.

Richard has prepared written submissions in EPO opposition proceedings relating to genome editing technology, point-of-care testing devices, lumenal stent delivery devices, detection systems using nucleic acid tag and probe array combinations, stem cell preparation, immunogenic peptides and further medical uses of antibodies. He has also prepared written submissions in EPO appeal proceedings and attended oral proceedings before both the EPO Examining Division and Opposition Division. Richard has provided analysis of patent infringement or validity in respect of numerous technologies, including vaccine delivery devices, specific uses of microfluidic devices, processes in the area of glycobiology, and pharmaceutical compositions.

Before joining Patent Boutique, Richard worked for a nationwide firm of patent attorneys.



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## SENIOR ASSOCIATES

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### LUCY STEWART

PhD CPA EPA

Lucy has over twenty years' experience working in private practice on a wide variety of subject matter including pharmaceutical and industrial chemistry, chemical engineering and mechanical subject matter. Specific areas of expertise include materials science such as performance fibres, ceramics, ceramic composite materials and their applications, catalysis, polymer chemistry, fluorocarbon chemistry, inks and printing technologies, nanotechnology, home and personal care products, pharmaceutical formulations and medical devices.



Lucy handles all aspects of patent work, from invention capture and the drafting and prosecution of patent applications before the UKIPO and the EPO, through to successfully representing clients in both offensive and defensive opposition and appeal proceedings before the EPO. She regularly takes responsibility for coordinating and stream-lining the foreign prosecution of worldwide patent portfolios. In addition, she provides strategic advice on the infringement and validity of patents, having provided numerous validity and freedom-to-operate (FTO) opinions to clients.

Prior to joining Patent Boutique, Lucy worked for a large London-based firm of patent attorneys for ten years, and subsequently ran a consultancy for six years providing patent attorney services to private practices in the UK and abroad.

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## FRANCIS TIERNEY

BSc CPA EPA

Francis's expertise is concentrated on patent matters and he provides counsel on all aspects of exclusivity in the life science (especially pharmaceutical and small molecule) areas.

Before joining the Firm, Francis spent over 25 years in-house providing strategic, business-focused, patent counselling to life sciences industry companies, guiding them through every stage of the patent life cycle. His experience includes drafting and prosecuting patent applications worldwide (particularly US, Europe, Japan and China) and creating patent portfolios. He works to obtain enforceable claims and develops and executes both offensive and defensive patent strategies. He also conducts strategic reviews of patent portfolios to identify strengths and weaknesses, and also to find opportunities to minimize threats and maximize revenue.

As part of this strategic counselling, Francis has regularly advised on patentability, validity and freedom to operate issues, provided pre-litigation assessments and opinions regarding patentability, conducted IP due diligence (both buy- and sell-side) for strategic transactions, and advised on IP-related contract matters.



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## SHU ONO

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Shu has built up expertise in patents across a wide spectrum of technologies including life sciences, chemistry and mechanics. Shu has worked extensively on biopharmaceuticals, including monoclonal antibodies and plasma products. His experience in oilfield drilling technology includes drilling fluid and cement formulations, and methods and apparatuses for resonance-enhanced drilling. He also has experience in small molecule pharmaceutical formulation and synthesis.



Shu has worked with a variety of clients, from large multinationals, universities to SMEs, and understands the diverse challenges that his clients face. For his large clients, he has coordinated prosecution of large patent families across multiple jurisdictions. For his smaller clients, he has audited and developed their intellectual property portfolios to help build their value.

Shu is experienced in both written and oral representation of his clients before the EPO in examination and appeal proceedings, and patent prosecution before the UKIPO. Shu has also provided his clients with infringement and validity opinions, advice on inventorship and ownership of patent rights, and assistance on patent restoration.

Shu has worked in intellectual property since 2005 in London-based firms, joining Patent Boutique in 2019.

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## CHARTERED AND EUROPEAN PATENT ATTORNEYS

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### JAMES BELL

MSc CPA EPA

James has a particular interest and expertise working with clients in the medical devices, advanced engineering, sports technology, renewable energy, and consumer goods sectors.

He has built up experience working with clients of all sizes, from sole inventors to quoted companies, assisting them to develop IP strategies to best suit their commercial objectives.

James handles the drafting and prosecution of patent applications before the UKIPO and EPO, and assists in the coordinated prosecution of global patent families. He also advises on the filing of registered UK and Community (EU) design applications.

Much of James' work also involves advising on wider portfolio and strategy matters. This includes invention capture, inventorship and ownership of patent rights, patent landscape and competitor analysis, and freedom to operate.

James joined Patent Boutique in 2020, having spent the early part of his career at a regional patent and trade mark firm.



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## CHRIS RODGER

MEng CPA EPA

Since joining Patent Boutique LLP in 2017, Chris has gained a wealth of experience in invention capture and the drafting of new patent applications. He regularly handles this critical stage for clients, and understands how it can be used to maximise the potential of your invention and to match commercial objectives. Chris has expertise across a range of fields, working with clients in the advanced engineering, consumer goods, medical device, sports technology, and manufacturing technology sectors.



Chris is part of the firm's UP/UPC team, and is a registered UPC representative. He is on hand to help clients navigate the transition to the new Unified Patent Court system.

Chris works with clients ranging from sole inventors to multinational corporations. He regularly works on the drafting and prosecution of patent applications at the EPO and UKIPO. Chris also has experience in coordinating the prosecution of global patent families, and working with local attorneys to ensure the broadest scope of protection is secured for client's inventions.

Chris joined Patent Boutique after gaining his master's degree in Materials Science and Engineering with first class honours from the University of Sheffield. His areas of knowledge include metallurgy, high entropy alloys, natural materials, rheology, technical ceramics, magnetic materials, composites, polymers and glass.

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## RACHEL LANIGAN-MILLS

MChem PhD CPA EPA

Rachel has extensive experience working with clients ranging from sole inventors through to universities and multinational corporations. Her work includes assisting clients to develop their IP strategies and patent portfolios, the drafting and prosecution of patent applications before the UKIPO and EPO, as well as the handling of opposition and appeal proceedings before the EPO. Rachel also handles the coordination of global prosecution of large patent families.

Rachel works with clients across a wide range of technologies in the chemistry and life sciences, consumer goods and mechanical sectors. She has particular expertise in pharmaceuticals, pharmaceutical formulations, dyes, home and personal care products, process chemistry, medical devices, advanced materials, small molecules, enzymes, antibodies, and cement manufacturing.

She was part of our first intake of technical assistants, starting with Patent Boutique in late 2017. She joined after carrying out postdoctoral research at The Institute of Cancer Research and University College London. Prior to her postdoctoral positions, Rachel gained a first class MChem degree in Chemistry with Industrial Experience from the University of Edinburgh and a PhD in Synthetic Organic Chemistry from University College London.



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## EUROPEAN PATENT ATTORNEYS

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### JAMES EATON

MChem DPhil (Oxon) EPA

James has experience in the drafting and prosecution of patent applications before both the UKIPO and the EPO. He also has experience in contentious proceedings, primarily in the form of opposition and appeal proceedings at the EPO, as well as IP due diligence, and advising on inventorship and ownership of patent rights.

James works with clients ranging from sole inventors and start-ups through to universities and multinational corporations.

He works with clients across a wide range of technologies in the life sciences, consumer goods and mechanical sectors. James has particular expertise in genome editing technologies, biological therapeutics, screening assays, nucleic acid sequencing technologies, pharmaceuticals, pharmaceutical formulations, home and personal care products, small molecules and enzymes.

James joined Patent Boutique in 2019 after completing a DPhil and a brief postdoctoral research fellowship split between the Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics and the Chemistry Research Laboratory, both at the University of Oxford. Prior to this, James obtained a first class masters degree in Chemistry from Cardiff University. He was awarded the TOCRIS prize for best MChem degree performance and the Excellent undergraduate research prize upon graduating from Cardiff.



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## TECHNICAL ASSISTANTS

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### TOM LAWRENCE

MSci

Tom is a part-qualified patent attorney following completion of the Postgraduate Certificate in Intellectual Property Law at Queen Mary University and the pre-EQE. Tom joined Patent Boutique in 2020 after gaining a first class MSci degree in Natural Sciences with Professional Placement from the University of Bath. Since joining, he has gained experience with patent prosecution and opposition proceedings and has assisted with due diligence and freedom to operate exercises. He has worked on a variety of technologies, including nucleic acid sequencing, CRISPR genome editing, biological therapeutics and lipid nanoparticle formulations.



During his wide-ranging MSci, Tom studied organic chemistry, medicinal chemistry, pharmacology, biochemistry, neuroscience, genetics and bioinformatics. His dissertation, which focused on identifying potential antimicrobial peptides from *Staphylococcus* and *Campylobacter*, further developed his bioinformatics knowledge.

While completing his degree, Tom spent his professional placement at a fast growing and innovative pharmaceutical company. During this time he gained experience of industrial manufacturing processes and R&D, which sparked his interest in intellectual property law.

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# CHARGING SCALE

## HOURLY RATES

	Normal rate	Discretionary litigation and diligence rate
JON BROUGHTON	£415	£460
SIMON FOSTER	£415	£460
RICHARD LEONI	£415	£460
SHU ONO	£375	£430
LUCY STEWART	£375	£430
FRANCIS TIERNEY	£375	£430
JAMES BELL	£330	
RACHEL LANIGAN-MILLS	£270	
CHRIS RODGER	£270	
JAMES EATON	£240	
TOM LAWRENCE	£185	
PARALEGAL RATE	£150	

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## SERVICE CHARGES

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### FILING

- **£850** for filing a PCT, EP or UK application, EP or UK divisional application or entering the EP regional phase or the UK national phase, plus official fees.
- **£650** for instructing the filing of an application or regional/national phase entry in a foreign jurisdiction, plus overseas attorney charges and fees.
- **£415** for instructing the filing of a HK recordal/registration request, plus overseas attorney charges and fees.
- **£205** for each further design application, where a multiple design application is filed.

Extraordinary additional time over and above that normally taken would be charged at the paralegal rate noted above unless requiring legal expertise (in which case, charged at the normal rate).

### PROSECUTION

- **£140** for any action requiring making or amending a docket item, to include appropriate reporting to you. There will be no time charge for related purely administrative matters (except as noted above where extraordinary time is spent and billed at the paralegal rate). Time charges will apply as normal to time spent on associated substantive activity (e.g. responding to an office action).

### GRANT

- **£140** for docketing and reporting notification of intended grant.
- **£140** for responding to the notification of intended grant and subsequent docketing (plus claims translation costs and official fees as applicable).

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- **£185** for docketing and reporting a decision to grant, and forwarding the grant certificate.
- **£210** for docketing EP deadlines for filing a request for unitary effect, divisional applications and validation; reporting EP decision to grant and in due course reporting and forwarding the grant certificate.
- **£190** for preparing and filing a request for unitary effect for a granted EP.
- **£210** for filing application to opt-out EP application/patent from the jurisdiction of the UPC.
- **£140** for any other action requiring making or amending a docket item (to include appropriate reporting to you).

Again, there will be no time charge for related purely administrative matters (except as noted above where extraordinary time is spent and billed at the paralegal rate). Time charges will apply as normal to time spent on associated substantive activity.

## VALIDATION

- **£190** per country plus costs, to include organising translations as required, instructing and monitoring local attorneys and reporting to you.

## RENEWALS

- **£115** per country (or patent office) per patent plus costs.
- In surcharge period, **£140** per country (or patent office) per patent plus costs.
- **£140** in respect of divisional application back renewal fees plus costs.

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