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## UNIVERSITIES AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

PATENT ATTORNEYS • TRADE MARK ATTORNEYS



INDEPENDENT  
THINKING.  
COLLECTIVE  
EXCELLENCE.



Your intellectual property assets are of great value to you. To help you to secure, protect and exploit them, you need technical experts who are also creative problem solvers. You need a team of specialists working together to pool their knowledge and resources in support of your business goals.

J A Kemp is a leading UK and European Patent and Trade Mark Attorney firm that combines independent thinking with collective excellence.

Our attorneys handle a vast array of inventions. We have the knowledge and experience to work effectively with you at all stages in the technology transfer process.

We have longstanding client relationships with several leading Japanese consumer products companies, as well as US, Chinese, Korean, European and UK businesses, ranging from technology transfer startups to established, growing enterprises and large corporations.

In addition, the firm has a dedicated legal and assignments team, which allows us to provide high quality advice on areas such as inventorship and ownership.

We offer competitive fee structures providing value for money, as well as approachability and flexibility to adapt to the needs of our clients, combined with meticulous attention to detail. We are committed to a highly commercial approach, always applying technical knowledge with close attention to our clients' business needs and objectives.

*"J A Kemp's patent group provides timely and succinct advice and its technical and professional expertise is completely comprehensive."*

Legal 500

We are comfortable dealing with inventions based on creative, academic science that crosses technical boundaries, and we can always provide a team of specialists with the required combination of disciplines. Our attorneys, many of whom have PhDs, will quickly earn the trust and respect of your academic inventors. They understand the need to balance commercial goals with academic pressures.

The dissemination of knowledge is the lifeblood of university research, yet the patent system imposes a need for secrecy. We are highly experienced in advising technology transfer clients on strategies to deal with this conflict. We can also assist with the complex ownership issues that sometimes arise when inventions originate in an academic environment.

We handle large volumes of work for two of the four leading university-based technology transfer operations in the UK. Our client base also includes several smaller technology transfer organisations, and we work directly for leading universities overseas on cases at the cutting edge of science, across many different fields of technology.

Our attorneys work closely with academics from the earliest point in the commercialisation process, right through to the point where a spinout business is launched or the technology is licensed or otherwise brought to market. We use patent, trade mark or design protection as appropriate to safeguard our clients' intellectual property assets throughout the process.

We work with inventors and universities that are licensing their technology, partnering with a commercial organisation, collaborating with another academic institution or otherwise engaged with a third party. We can assist with due diligence or registrable transactions if required.



# PATENT SERVICES FOR UNIVERSITIES

## **FREE CONSULTATION AND PATENTABILITY CHECK**

We offer a free consultation and patentability check for new matters. We do not charge for such an analysis even if it is decided not to proceed with an application.

## **FREE GENERAL ADVICE ON UK AND EUROPEAN PATENT LAW**

Within reasonable limits we are happy to respond to general queries about UK and European patent law without charge, and particularly welcome the opportunity to deal with such matters by telephone. Where more extensive advice is needed, for example in relation to case specific matters or more complex scenarios, we work hard to keep costs commensurate with the issues at stake and can work to a budget where needed.

## **DRAFTING, FILING AND PROSECUTION OF PATENT APPLICATIONS**

A large proportion of our work involves drafting and filing patent applications on behalf our clients. We also handle prosecution of these and other patent applications, both before the UK IPO and the European Patent Office (EPO), as well as in many other jurisdictions throughout the world. We have developed an extensive network of trusted overseas attorneys from which we can select the most appropriate technological and legal fit for each project. We also have extensive experience in dealing with post-grant procedures such as EPO oppositions and appeals.

## **ADVISING ON PATENT INFRINGEMENT AND VALIDITY**


We regularly advise our clients on patent infringement and validity. The scope of the analysis can vary tremendously depending on the specific circumstances of a case, but we have experience in pro-actively tailoring our approach to provide a practical balance between comprehensiveness and cost.

## **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MONITORING AND SEARCHING**

We can monitor applications either on a regular basis or on a one off basis to determine the status of applications and patents. We have a dedicated in-house search function, and access to relevant databases to facilitate searches.

## **HANDLING OF CASES TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER AGENTS**

We take on many cases which have been transferred to us from other agents. It is usually a straightforward matter to record ourselves as the representatives and take over the handling of those cases.



*“Commentators praise  
J A Kemp’s partners for their  
‘intelligence, creativity and  
ingenuity’, and are delighted  
with the consistently high  
quality of their work.”*

Chambers &  
Partners

## ABOUT THE FIRM

We are one of the largest UK and European Patent and Trade Mark Attorney firms, with offices in London, Oxford, Cambridge and Munich.

The firm is known for the breadth and depth of its technical knowledge relevant to patents. There are over 60 science and technology graduates in J A Kemp, including at least 25 PhDs, and no area of science or technology is outside its scope.

Our trade marks team is led by senior professionals with backgrounds in major international law firms. The team has the expertise and resources to handle any trade marks matter.

We are equipped to handle contentious intellectual property matters in the UK Courts, the Unified Patent Court and the UK and European Intellectual Property Offices, including the EPO. Our litigation

and dispute resolution team combines in-depth knowledge of patents, trade marks and designs with the litigation skills of its solicitors, patent attorneys and an in-house barrister to achieve successful outcomes for our clients.

We handle all aspects of design protection in the UK, Europe and worldwide, and we can advise you in other specialised areas such as plant variety rights.

We work for a large variety of clients, from startups, spinouts and SMEs through to some of the largest corporations and most prestigious academic institutions in the world.



## WHAT WE ARE KNOWN FOR

We commissioned a market research firm to ask 50 of our clients and professional contacts what they thought of J A Kemp. The firm was described as:

*“Highly regarded and respected as a leading player in its field”*

*“Known for quality, reliability, technical excellence and professionalism”*

*“Considered to be responsive, trusted, friendly and approachable”*

*“Known for its particular expertise in complex work”*

*“A firm with a reputation for timeliness and efficiency”*

For specific contacts relevant to technology transfer or related specialist areas, please refer to our website.

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