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INTRODUCING HASELTINE LAKE'S CROSS-DISCIPLINARY ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM

Rapidly advancing energy technologies and changing international environmental imperatives are creating huge new challenges for organisations operating in these sectors. Within Haseltine Lake, we have identified a need for a cross-disciplinary team of patent attorneys with specialist skills and experience in a wide range of disciplines relevant to energy and environmental issues.

Members of the team meet periodically to discuss the overlap and interplay of their various disciplines and to keep each other informed about international developments. They also exchange information with Haseltine Lake's network of international attorneys to keep up to date on relevant developments in China, Japan, the USA, and elsewhere.

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Biodiesel
- Coal, oil and gas
- Electrochemical
- Fuel cells
- Geosynthetics
- Heat exchange
- Hydro storage
- Mining and extraction
- Nuclear power
- Seismic imaging
- Sensor / network technologies
- Software / data processing
- Steam trapping
- Tagging technologies
- Tidal flow technologies
- Water processing
- Wind power

DAVID RUSHTON – ASSOCIATE

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David formerly worked at a commercial research establishment where he was mainly responsible for maintaining the liquid crystal materials portfolio, and advising on IP licensing and collaboration agreements. He continues to work in these areas and across a wide spectrum of chemical, pharmaceutical and biotech subject matter.

David's clients include UK and overseas based petrochemical, industrial chemical and medical companies.

David is a member of the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) (CChem MRSC) to whom he has lectured on IP matters.

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Joining Haseltine Lake direct from university, Ashley qualified as a British Chartered Patent Attorney and European Patent Attorney in 1993. He has worked widely in the fields of civil, mechanical and biomedical engineering.

Ashley works principally for clients in the UK, Europe, Japan and the USA in a wide range of engineering fields including automotive, biomechanical, oil drilling and civil engineering/construction.

Ashley is a member of Haseltine Lake's specialist Intellectual Property Licensing and Litigation teams and has a Diploma in Intellectual Property Litigation from the University of London. He has also taken on the responsibility of developing client and business relationships in the Midwestern United States.

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Chris is experienced in all aspects of drafting and prosecuting patent applications in many jurisdictions around the world. He specialises in electrical and electronic inventions. In particular, Chris has experience in the fields of telecommunications, optical devices, semiconductors and semiconductor processing, computer software, seismic surveying, oilfield surveying tools and techniques, signal processing, computer graphics processors and processing techniques, mass storage devices, and network processors and processing techniques.

Chris represents a wide range of clients from technology start-up and spin out companies, through universities, to blue chip multinational corporations.

A frequent visitor of the USA and Europe, Chris has a particular interest in the US state of Texas where some of his larger clients are based and where he has responsibility for developing Haseltine Lake's client and business relationships.

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Frances started her career as a Patent Examiner at the European Patent Office (EPO), where she spent eight years working on examination and opposition of European cases and PCT examination. The technical fields covered included manufacturing and conveyor systems, packaging machinery and valve and dispensing technology. Frances transferred to private practice in the UK, working in the fields of medical implants, geosynthetics, earth compaction and surfacing, and a variety of electro-mechanical devices. At Haseltine Lake, Frances has continued to work in a broad variety of fields, including medical and display technology, graphics processing and business and internet-based inventions.

Frances has a wide client base, which includes small UK businesses, large direct US and German clients, and agent work for French, German, US and Japanese applicants. She also undertakes due diligence work for UK and US law firms.

Frances is responsible for developing client and business relationships in the US states of New York and New Jersey. She has a good working knowledge of French and Italian and is fluent in technical German.

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David joined Haseltine Lake in 1983 and has been a partner since 1990. A patent practitioner in chemical, pharmaceutical and biotech sectors, he has specialist knowledge of opposition and appeal work before the European Patent Office (EPO) and UK entitlement disputes. David specialises in the prosecution of complex biotech and chemical applications and has an extensive practice acting for opponents in EPO opposition proceedings. David regularly attends oral proceedings to represent clients before opposition divisions and appeal boards at the EPO.

David's clients include industrial chemical companies, a US-based international petrochemicals group, UK and US based pharmaceutical companies, UK universities and a national health agency.

David is a regular traveller overseas, particularly to the USA, Japan and South Korea. David is a member of Fédération Internationale des Conseils en Propriété Industrielle (FICPI).

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John practises in the engineering sector with particular experience in the automotive field, including production techniques and equipment as well as vehicle systems and components. He also has significant expertise in matters concerning registered designs and design right, and is a member of the Designs & Copyright Committee of the Chartered Institute of Patent Agents (CIPA).

John has clients in the UK, the USA and Japan in a wide range of engineering fields, including car and automotive component manufacture, gas turbine engineering, steam handling equipment and waste water control and processing. He also acts for a major UK retailer in the food and clothing sectors.

John is learning Japanese and is a regular visitor to Japan, China and the USA. He is the partner responsible for developing client and business relationships in the US state of Ohio. In addition John is a member of the Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA), the Intellectual Property Institute (IPI) and UNION.

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Elizabeth's experience spans a wide range of technical areas within the mechanical and electrical fields. She has particular experience handling magnetic subject matter and a keen interest in the diverse science of nanotechnology. Prior to training as a patent attorney, Elizabeth worked as an Examiner in the electrical division of the UK Patent Office. She qualified as a European patent attorney in 2005.

Elizabeth acts for a number of university spin-out companies working in the areas of magnetic tagging, computer animations and nano-scale devices. She also acts for a leading construction company and a multinational electronics company.

Elizabeth is a member of the Institute of Nanotechnology (ION) and coordinates Haseltine Lake's specialist Nanotechnology Team. She has recently attended a number of modules of the Master's course in Microsystems and Nanotechnology run by Cranfield University.

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