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First Cohort of Haseltine Lake's In-house Training Academy Nails European Patent Qualifications

Four trainees at a major European patent and trade mark attorney firm, Haseltine Lake, have qualified as patent attorneys. This is the first cohort of trainees to have completed their early stage training through Haseltine Lake's dedicated in-house training facility - HL Academy.

HL Academy, was established four years ago to provide support for the firm's science and engineering graduates as they commenced their training to become qualified patent attorneys. To do so, they have to learn all about international intellectual property law and practice as well as acquire the skills necessary to advise clients on what can and can't be patented. They also have to pass two sets of notoriously demanding intellectual property qualifying examinations.

This year's trainee attorneys - Olivia Murphy, Kim Bayliss and Chris Grieves from the Electronics team and Jack Whitfield from the Engineering team – all successfully completed their European intellectual property qualifying exams first time, making them dual qualified in the EU and the UK. Three further cohorts of graduates have joined Haseltine Lake and passed through HL Academy since this group, and they are all encouraged by the success which Chris, Jack, Olivia and Kim have attained.

Olivia comments, "Since being offered a training contract at Haseltine Lake, I have worked on a wide variety of patent cases as well as client facing activities including secondments to major clients in the US and Scotland. The whole experience has been really positive. The exams are extremely tough but the HL Academy process gave me the confidence I needed to develop and grow within the firm, and offered incredible support during the early stages of my career here."



Lesley Evans, Chief Executive at Haseltine Lake adds, “We are wholly committed to nurturing the strongest possible attorney talent within the firm to support the patent portfolios of our corporate clients. Our innovative approach to training provides trainees with a fully-rounded start to becoming qualified patent attorneys, combining hands-on professional work experience with a supportive environment and guidance from the firm’s experts. I would like to congratulate Olivia, Kim Chris, and Jack; it is well-documented that the European patent exams are some of the toughest in the professional services sector. They have worked incredibly hard and should feel very proud of their achievement. We look forward to supporting them further as they develop their careers at Haseltine Lake.”

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(Top line L – R) Kimberley Bayliss, Chris Grieves

(Bottom line L – R) Olivia Murphy, Jack Whitfield

About Haseltine Lake

Haseltine Lake is a major European Intellectual Property practice with offices in four European cities, offering top quality technical and legal advice across the full spectrum of IP rights to clients in Europe and around the world.

Haseltine Lake enjoys long-standing, closely integrated relationships with its clients, based on trust, transparency and flexibility, and maintains those standards with its in-house training academy, which accepts 4 to 6 new STEM graduates each year.

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