



Careers in Intellectual Property

Shaping the future of innovation

Marks&Clerk



What are we looking for?

You will have gained at least a 2:1 degree in a mainstream scientific, engineering, mathematics or IT discipline. We also welcome applications from those completing a doctorate, undertaking postgraduate research or working in industry.

You need to have a natural curiosity to find out how things work, excellent communication skills and meticulous attention to detail. You need to demonstrate technical excellence, an interest in the commercial world and appreciate the importance of intellectual property to businesses. Due to the international nature of the work, foreign languages are an advantage, but not essential.

The three main areas we recruit into for patent trainees are:



Electronics and physics

We look particularly for electronic engineers, computer scientists and physicists. We also look for graduates in other engineering disciplines, materials science or mathematics – provided they can demonstrate knowledge and an interest in electronics, photonics, solid state physics or computing.



Mechanical

We look for candidates with a mechanical engineering degree, although graduates in other engineering disciplines or physics will also be considered.



Chemistry and life sciences

We look for graduates in chemistry, chemical engineering or other life science-related subjects, such as biology, biochemistry, molecular biology, immunology and pharmacology.

How to apply

If you are looking for a career in intellectual property and want to work for a world-leading firm, we want to hear from you.

For more information on our graduate scheme and details of how to apply, please visit our website:

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What are we offering our graduates?



“With our fantastic range of clients, exciting growth plans and global network of close-knit teams, attorneys at Marks & Clerk enjoy exceptional opportunities and support to realise their ambitions.”

Maureen Kinsler,
International Chairman of Marks & Clerk

Being part of a world-leading team

Marks & Clerk is recognised as one of the best intellectual property firms in the world. Regularly nominated for awards, we often achieve top rankings in the major legal directories and surveys.

Our international coverage is extensive, with a network of offices in Europe, Asia and North America. With Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys, working closely with our associated solicitor and consulting firms, we provide a comprehensive range of intellectual property services to a variety of clients, from multinational corporations to the latest start-up ventures, in all sectors worldwide.

We have a unique breadth and depth of experience, and our close-knit teams share a passion for providing exceptional client service.

Our people enjoy excellent remuneration, benefits, career development opportunities and support so they can realise a rewarding career in intellectual property.

A career as a Patent Attorney

Patent Attorneys provide an essential interface between science, commerce and the law. They work at the forefront of technology in many different scientific fields, helping clients make the most of their inventions.

The role of a Patent Attorney is varied, working with a fantastic range of clients to secure patent protection, locally and globally. This involves regular client interaction, scoping inventions and determining how they can be best used to gain a strategic advantage.

Patent Attorneys help their clients develop patent strategies to meet their commercial objectives. They often advise at the development stage, to avoid clients infringing competitors' rights. They also support commercial transactions and advise on the strength of patent portfolios. Patent Attorneys need to be meticulous in how they draft patent applications to ensure maximum protection for their client.

The role also sees them acting as advocates in hearings, oppositions and appeals that arise as part of the patent application process. Patent Attorneys provide risk assessments, and where a client is accused of infringement, they assist in their defence. They work closely with solicitors and barristers in enforcing and revoking patents before the courts.

Ongoing development

Learning and development is a priority at Marks & Clerk. We help our trainees acquire and maintain the highest standards of technical and commercial expertise throughout their careers.

As a trainee Patent Attorney, you will be given all the support you need to achieve qualification as a Chartered (UK) and European Patent Attorney. We run our own comprehensive inhouse 'Training Academy', combining lectures and tutorials with mentoring and supervision from Partners and other qualified attorneys.

Our trainees regularly receive national prizes for their examination successes.

Equal opportunities

As a firm, we are committed to equality and diversity. Our success depends on our ability to recruit, retain and develop the best people in order to meet the needs of our clients in a highly competitive market.

Life as a Patent Attorney



Lara Sibley

Lara joined Marks & Clerk in 2012 after completing a PhD in physics at the University of Cambridge.

“I knew that I wanted a career involving physics, and the prospect of working with a broad range of subject matter seemed perfect for me.

I also enjoyed writing and debating in my spare time at Cambridge, and these skills are a key part of the job.

Marks & Clerk is one of the very few firms to run its own in-house 'Training Academy', to prepare trainees for the UK and European exams. This involves a series of lectures delivered by webinar, as well as 'away days' at our different offices around the UK.

There are many benefits of working for a larger firm. I get to work on a wide variety of cases, and with many different types of clients, and this experience has been invaluable when preparing for the exams. Also, being part of an international network gives you a real insight into the global profession. Although, day-to-day, we work in small teams, it is great having the support and infrastructural strength of a large firm.”