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Peter Hale has particular expertise in large patent portfolio management, contentious patent proceedings in the U.K. courts and at the European Patent Office, and IP due diligence exercises. He also advises clients on policing their patent rights and licensing negotiations. Peter's technical specialisations are in communications and control systems. Having a naval engineering background, he also practices in the fields of mechanics and thermodynamics.

Peter has been responsible for patent filing programmes for both multinational companies and smaller clients for whom intellectual property is a key aspect of the company value. He builds collaborative relationships with clients worldwide and has delivered creative, informed patent strategies in challenging commercial environments. In addition, Peter often coordinates his appeal and opposition work at the European Patent Office with concurrent patent litigation in Europe and elsewhere.

Peter is also a Registered UK Trade Mark Attorney, practising in the filing, prosecution and defence of trade mark rights for local and international clients.

Related Practice Areas

- Patent Preparation and Prosecution
- European Patent Prosecution
- Due Diligence
- Opinions
- Freedom to Operate/ Third Party Risk Assessment
- Transactions
- Contested Proceedings
- European Oppositions
- Litigation and Litigation Support
- Trademarks

Related Industries

- Telecommunication
- Mechanical and Industrial Devices
- Electronic Hardware
- Semiconductor Devices and Materials
- Consumer Products
- Medical Devices

Bar Admissions

- Chartered U.K. Patent Attorney
- European Patent Attorney
- U.K. Higher Courts Patent Litigator
- Authorised Representative - Unitary Patent Court of the European Union

Memberships

- Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA)
- The Institute of Professional Representatives before the European Patent Office (EPI)
- Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO)

Honors & Awards

- IAM Patent 1000 - The World's Leading Patent Practitioners (2019 - 2023)
- Managing IP Stars Notable Practitioner (2023)
- Peer-nominated as "one of the leading Patents practitioners in the UK" for the Patents Expert Guide 2019.
- Peter Hale was named a "Leading Engineering Patent Attorney of the Year in the UK" by Acquisition International in 2019.
- Peter was awarded the unique accolade of "Gold" band status for patent prosecution in *IAM Patent 1000* for 2018. The banding is explained as follows: "...individuals in the gold band are those that attract the most positive comments from sources. We have identified them as the crème de la crème; their success hinges on reputations established over lengthy periods of time, something which enables them to secure the most high-profile, big-ticket instructions from the most demanding of clients."
- Honoured by 2018 IAM Patents 1000, as the one and only Gold band (highest recommended) UK patent prosecutor, as well as highly recommended for European Patent prosecution.
- Highlighted for his large patent filing and EPO opposition work in The Legal 500, 2018
- Pete was a recommended individual for patent prosecution and a 'player best placed to guide clients through both the familiar and unfamiliar terrain' of the Unified Patent Court (IAM Patent 1000, 2016)
- Peter Hale is 'Highly Recommended' in The Legal 500, 2015.
- Described as one of the leaders of the pack in the electrical field for patent work. Peter was also individually named in the top tier as a representative before the EPO (IAM Patent 1000, 2015)
- Peter was named as an expert in his field in the Patents Expert Guide 2015.
- Recommended - 'knowledgeable and responsive' (The Legal 500, 2014)
- 'Hale is championed as an EPO oppositions expert with a flair for managing extremely large portfolios.' (IAM Patent 1000, 2014) in which he is individually recommended for patent prosecution
- 'very client focused, creative and pragmatic' (The Legal 500, 2013)
- 'approachable and very alert to technical matters' (The Legal 500, 2011)
- 'technically very alert, very approachable and always seems to have the right advice at his fingertips' (The Legal 500, 2010)

Education

- B.Sc.(Hons), Communication Engineering, 1984, Plymouth University