

# Justin Hill

## Partner



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## Overview

Justin Hill is a partner and Head of the Firm's Patent Prosecution and Opposition practices across Europe. All of the leading independent legal directories have consistently recognized Justin as a Leader in the Field of Intellectual Property. Legal 500 has recently referred to Justin as "hugely impressive" and *Chambers Legal* ranks him as leader in an elite group of Band 1 European patent attorneys saying "Justin Hill stands out for his exceptional commercial knowledge, understanding of new technologies and IP developments".

Justin is a European patent attorney and a patent attorney litigator and has previous experience working in research and in industry. His practice includes advising on the preparation and prosecution of UK, European and international patent applications, designs, trade marks, know-how and copyright issues.

Justin is a strategic thinker with international perspectives and IP portfolio management expertise. He sees IP rights as assets for supporting commercial objectives that need to be managed on time and within budget. Justin assists his clients with IP policy formulation and implementation, highly efficient IP filing programs, competitive intelligence and positioning, revenue generation opportunities, IP risk management and IP disputes. He also provides infringement and validity opinions, as well as specializing in opposition and appeal proceedings before the European Patent Office. Justin spends a considerable amount of his time in IP negotiations as well as in patent litigation matters before the high court and other national courts.

Justin has a first class honors degree and a Ph.D. from Imperial College in London. The patent attorney team comprises talented scientists and engineers and can handle any area of technology.

Justin sits on the advisory boards of VC and other companies and is a Tech London Advocate.

He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys, a Member of the Institute of Professional Representatives before the European Patent Office, a Representative before the Office of Harmonization of Internal Markets, and serves on the CIPA advisory Committee for Computer Technologies, as well as the Firm's Life Science Steering Committee.

## Recognition

- Justin has been recognized as a strategic thinker and figurehead of the IP industry for more than 10 years.

He has been consistently ranked by *Chambers* as one of a small number of elite Band 1 patent attorneys in Europe.

- *Legal 500* said:
  - Justin is "hugely impressive" and "one of the pre-eminent patent attorneys in the EU"
  - "extremely impressive ... with a phenomenal grasp of even the most complex and obscure patent issues"
- *Chambers* said:
  - "Justin Hill stands out for his exceptional commercial knowledge, understanding of new technologies and IP developments."
  - "a major asset" "He is an outstanding attorney-he is very knowledgeable, thinks outside the box and is a pleasure to work with."

## Activities and Affiliations

- Justin regularly presents and publishes in person and online.
- He is passionate about supporting early stage and exponential technology companies.
- Advisory Board Member of a VC fund
- IP Chair of Invest South (Private-Public Investment Cooperative)
- Member of Patent Attorney's Computer Technology Committee, responsible for keeping the profession up to date with evolving issues in the sector.
- Tech London Advocate

## Prior and Present Employment

Justin joined the Firm from Olswang where he was Co-Head of Patents with responsibility for managing patent teams across London and Munich. Before that he spent 10 years at international law firm McDermott Will & Emery, during which time he was Head of the European IP Prosecution and Opposition Practices and built another highly rated full service IP team.

## Areas of focus

### Practices

- Intellectual Property and Technology

### Issues and opportunities

- Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technology

## Education

- Imperial College London, Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Semiconductor Physics
- Nottingham Law School, Master of Laws, LL.M., Intellectual Property Litigation

- University of London, Chemistry and Business Studies

## Admissions and qualifications

- European Patent Attorney, European Opposition and Appeals Divisions
- Patent Attorney, European Patent Office and UK Patent Office
- Patent Attorney Litigator, UK High Court and Appeals Court, and Unitary Patent Court

## Languages

- English