



Chris Aikens

Called: 2005

Practice

Chris has a diverse practice covering all areas of intellectual property law and commercial disputes with an IP or technical element. His recent work has included patent cases variously relating to wound dressings and military gabions, defending a number of claims for trade mark infringement and passing off brought by easyGroup, the trial of a claim for database right infringement relating to address search and verification services and a claim for breach of confidence and copyright infringement relating to software in the financial services industry.

Chris appears regularly as sole counsel in the High Court, UK IPO and the Intellectual Property Enterprise Court. He has also appeared several times as sole counsel in the Court of Appeal. His experience further includes appearing in the European Patent Office, the Company Names Tribunal and as junior counsel in the UK Supreme Court (in the Trunki registered design case).

Chris was nominated for the 2021 Chambers and Partners IP/IT Junior of the Year award.

What the directories say

"A superb barrister, Chris is great to work with. He is definitely the go-to junior at the IP Bar." - **Chambers & Partners 2025**

"We love him! He is very practical and commercial." – **Chambers & Partners 2025**

"Chris Aikens is excellent. His knowledge of trade mark matters has been invaluable, and he is extremely polished on his feet." – **Chambers & Partners 2025**

"Chris is incredibly clever, practical and quick on his feet." - **Legal 500 2025**

Education, Qualifications and Experience

2011	Tenant at 11 South Square
2006-11	Practising barrister at Rouse Legal
2005-6	12-month pupillage at 11 South Square
2005	Called to the Bar (Middle Temple)
2005	Bar Vocational Course, BPP
2004	Graduate Diploma in Law, City University

Notable Cases

Parsons v Convatec Limited [2026] EWHC 98 (Pat)

CMC and strike-out application before Mellor J in claim for employee compensation under section 40 of the Patents Act 1977 in relation to patents for wound dressings. Led by Brian Nicholson KC.

IDDQD and Royal Mail Group v Codeberry [2025] EWHC 2561 (Ch); [2025] EWHC 712 (Ch)

Joint trial of two claims for database right infringement, copyright infringement and breach of contract in relation to online address search and verification services. Chris appeared as lead counsel for IDDQD, leading Mitchell Beebe. The Defendants represented themselves.

easyGroup v Easyfundraising [2025] ECC 25; [2024] ETMR 44; [2025] Costs LR 17; [2025] EWCA Civ 1000; [2024] EWHC 2323 (Ch); [2024] EWHC 3210 (Ch)

Liability trial and appeal in claim for trade mark infringement and passing off in relation to an online platform for fundraising by retail. Led by Emma Himsworth KC.

easyGroup v Easy Live (Services) No 2 [2025] ETMR 41; [2025] FSR 8; [2025] EWCA Civ 946; [2024] EWHC 2282 (Ch);

Liability trial and appeal to the Court of Appeal in 2nd claim for trade mark infringement and passing off between the same parties. Sole counsel.

i-Smart Developments v Currentbody.com [2024] EWHC 2889 (IPEC); application for strike out / summary judgment in consolidated claims for design right infringement and breach of confidence relating to phototherapeutic devices. Sole counsel.

TVIS v Howserv Services [2024] FSR 2; [2023] EWHC 2589 (Ch); [2024] EWCA Civ 1103

Liability trial and appeal in claim for trade mark infringement and passing off relating to pet insurance brands. Led by Simon Malynicz KC.

easyGroup v Easy Live (Services) No 1 [2024] Bus LR 141; [2023] ETMR 12, [2022] EWHC 3327 (Ch); [2023] EWCA Civ 1508

Liability trial and appeal to the Court of Appeal in claim for trade mark infringement and passing off in relation to an online auction bidding platform. Sole counsel.

S3D v Oovee [2023] 4 WLR 1, [2022] EWCA Civ 1665

Appeal to the Court of Appeal in an arbitration claim relating to an application to enforce a peremptory order for the provision of security for the amount of an arbitration award under s. 42 of the Arbitration Act 1996. The underlying claim was for breach of contract in the video game sector. Sole counsel.

ABP Technology v Voyetra Turtle Beach [2022] ETMR 33, [2022] FSR 19, [2022] EWCA Civ 594

Appeal to the Court of Appeal of a case management to decision to allow certain amendments to a statement of case in a trade mark infringement claim. Sole counsel.

Original Beauty Technology v Oh Polly [2022] ECDR 18, [2022] FSR 11, [2021] EWHC

3439 (Ch)

Damages inquiry following a successful claim for unregistered design right infringement in the fashion sector. Sole counsel.

easyGroup v Easylife [2022] FSR 9, [2021] EWHC 2150 (Ch)

Claim for trade mark infringement and passing off in relation to a catalogue and online retail business. Sole counsel.

Original Beauty Technology v Oh Polly [2021] FSR 20, [2021] EWHC 294 (Ch)

Trial of liability issues in claim for unregistered design right infringement and passing off in the fashion sector. Sole counsel.

Performing Right Society Limited v Qatar Airways Group Q.C.S.C. [2021] FSR 8, [2020] EWHC 1872 (Ch)

Application by Qatar Airways (QA), to stay a claim of worldwide infringement of copyright, on grounds of *forum non conveniens*. Led by Nick Saunders KC.

Adolf Nissen Elektrobau GmbH & Co KG v Horizont Group GmbH [2019] EWHC 3522 (IPEC)

Claim for revocation of a patent for a mobile warning device for road traffic, consisting of a board to be mounted on a vehicle having an arrangement of lights. Sole counsel.

Beverly Hills Teddy Bear Company v PMS International Plc [2020] FSR 11, [2019] EWHC 2419 (IPEC)

Application by PMS for summary judgment which would have the effect of striking out BHTB's claim for unregistered Community design (UCD) infringement relating to animal-like toys. Reference to the Court of Justice of the European Union. Sole counsel.

Prosyscor Ltd v Netsweeper Inc & Ors [2019] EWHC 1302 (IPEC)

Patent entitlement and breach of confidence claim relating to a method of discriminating between requests to access a website. Led by Hugo Cuddigan KC.

Rotam Agrochemical v GAT Microencapsulation [2018] EWHC 2765 (Comm), [2018] 6 Costs LR 1365

13-day trial in the Commercial Court in claims for breach of contract, negligent mis-statement and unjust enrichment. Dispute concerned an attempted collaboration in relation to the production of a capsule suspension formulation for Clomazone, a plant protection product. Led by Hugo Cuddigan KC.

Alfred Dunhill Ltd v Richard Dunhill London Ltd (O/305/18) Application to change a company name. Company Names Tribunal. Sole counsel.

Bose Corporation v Freebit AS [2018] EWHC 889 (Pat)

Patents Court trial of infringement and validity of a patent relating to in ear headphones. Led by Hugo Cuddigan KC.

W3 Ltd v Easygroup Ltd [2018] FSR 16, [2018] EWHC 7 (Ch)

Trade mark and passing off trial regarding use of the sign "EasyRoommate" as the name of an online flat-sharing service. Counterclaim for declaration that the mark EASY is descriptive and devoid of distinctive character. Led by Mark Vanhegan KC.

Magmatic Ltd v PMS International Ltd [2016] BUS LR 371, [2016] WLR(D) 126; [2016] UKSC 12; [2014] EWCA Civ; [2014] ECDR 20; [2013] EWHC 1925 (Pat); [2013] ECC 29
Community registered design, UK design right and copyright infringement in relation to “Trunki” ride- on suitcases for children. Led by Mark Vanhegan KC.

Seaga v Rawding (Liverpool County Court, 2016, unreported)
11-day retrial where sole issue was whether four emails, alleged to contain a personal guarantee for the debts of a company, had been forged. Led by Mark Vanhegan KC.

Kerry Ingredients (UK) Ltd v Bakkavor Group Ltd [2017] 2 BCLC 74, [2016] EWHC 2448 (Ch)
High court claim for misuse of confidential information relating to manufacturing techniques and recipe used to make edible infused oils such as basil oil. Sole counsel.

Saertex France SAS v Hexcel Reinforcements UK Ltd [2016] EWHC 966 (IPEC)
Patent case about materials used in dry moulding processes to make composite products such as boat hulls. Sole counsel.

Design & Display Ltd v Ooo Abbott & Anor [2016] FSR 27, [2016] EWCA Civ 95
Appeal of a decision in an account of profits following a successful claim for infringement of a patent for a display panel used in shops made up of “slatted panel” and “snap-in” aluminium inserts. Sole counsel at first instance, led by Hugo Cuddigan KC on appeal.

Jason Rawding v Seaga UK Limited [2015] Info TLR 161; [2015] EWCA Civ 113
Appeal involving application to introduce fresh evidence to establish that 4 emails, said to contain a personal guarantee for the debts of a company, had been forged. Evidence admitted, appeal allowed and retrial ordered. Led by Mark Vanhegan KC.

Conductive Inkjet Technology Ltd v Uni-Pixel Displays Inc [2013] EWHC 2968 (Ch); [2014] 1 All ER (Comm) 654; [2014] FSR 22
Application in the High Court to set aside permission to serve proceedings for patent entitlement and breach of confidence outside the jurisdiction. Led by Hugo Cuddigan KC.

Coupling Technology Ltd v Coupling Solutions LLC (BL O/342/13)
Reference in the UK Intellectual Property Office for entitlement to UK and international patent applications relating to pipe couplings. Sole counsel.

W.S Foster & Son Ltd v Brooks Brothers UK Ltd [2013] EWPCC 18
Trial in PCC of passing off claim in relation to use of a fox and boot logo on shoes and leather goods. Sole counsel.

Bailey v Graham (AKA Levi Roots) [2011] EWHC 3098 (Ch) and [2012] EWCA Civ 1469
Breach of confidence and breach of contract claim in relation to the famous “Reggae Reggae Sauce”. Led by Mark Vanhegan KC.

Arbitration under ICC Rules (name private, 2012)
Breach of contractual confidentiality obligation, pharma/biotech. Led by Michael Bloch KC.

Protherics Molecular Design’s patent (2010)
Opposition of patent to an adjuvant formulation. Opposition Division, EPO. Sole counsel.



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Arbitration under LCIA Rules (name private, 2009)
Breach of contract, pharma/biotech.

Memberships

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