



Christopher Hall

Called: 2010

Practice

Chris is well-established in all aspects of intellectual property. His technical background gives him a particular edge in IT and technology actions, and he has a wealth of experience in patent, trade mark, copyright, design, and confidential information disputes. His clients range from blue chip companies and household brands to SMEs and individuals, spanning an exceptionally wide range of industries.

After graduating with a 1st in physics from Imperial College, Chris worked as an IT project manager at a major telecommunications company before turning to law, where he continues to impress.

As sole counsel, Chris has an established trial practice and regularly appears in substantive applications, interim hearings and CCMCs, as well as in appeals to the High Court (and to the Appointed Person) from the intellectual property office.

Chris is a popular junior, frequently instructed in major and multi-national litigation. He acts for Dr Reddy's in the near-billion-pound fallout from the pregabalin litigation, for Lufthansa in respect of aircraft power supply technology, and for Dexcom in respect of glucose monitoring devices. In recent years he has appeared for Sky in several trade mark disputes, for Zebra in respect of bar-code reading devices, for Philips in respect of GPS fitness devices, on behalf of Apple in FRAND litigation, and against Facebook.

In 2019 Chris was appointed as an 'expert' adjudicator in Nominet's '.uk' domain name dispute resolution service.

What the directories say

"Christopher Hall is highly recommended for design right, copyright and trade mark infringement claims. He is praised for his work in mechanical and electronic patent litigation and frequently assists in the IPEC, Patents Court and appellate courts. He counts multinational giants and household names among the clients he has advised and represented." – **Chambers and Partners 2023**

"An extremely good advocate. A good writer and very hard-working." – **Chambers and Partners 2023**

"An exceptional advocate and incredibly user-friendly." – **Chambers and Partners 2023**

"An excellent and highly persuasive advocate, who brings a huge amount of positivity to any matter while being able to find creative solutions to the most difficult of legal issues." – **Legal 500 2023**

"A brilliant and commercial barrister with strong common sense. He is good on his feet and liked by judges." - **Chambers and Partners 2022**

"A highly proficient junior" – **Legal 500 2022**

"He is extremely diligent and helpful." – **Chambers and Partners 2021**

"A very solid performer" – **Legal 500 2021**

"Very bright and works incredibly hard on cases." – **Chambers and Partners 2020**

"He has particular expertise in IT and technology sector patent disputes." – **Legal 500 2020**

"Dispenses sound advice on both hard and soft IP disputes and extremely client-friendly." - **Chambers and Partners 2019**

"A rising star at the junior Bar."- **Chambers and Partners 2018**

"He is a rising star, who works tirelessly and has a tremendous understanding of technical issues." – **Legal 500 2017**

"He is a young man who is going places."- **Chambers and Partners 2017**

Education and Qualifications

BPP Law School, London, September 2008 – June 2010

Bar vocational course (outstanding)

Graduate diploma in law (commendation)

Imperial College London, October 2001 – July 2005

MSci physics (with a year in the engineering 'grand école' in Grenoble), 1st class

October 1993 – July 2000, Durham Johnston School

Cases

Dr Reddy's Laboratories & others v Warner-Lambert [2023] EWCA Civ 73

Junior to Brian Nicholson KC. Appeal from the Patents Court concerning issues of abuse of process, infringement of second medical use patents, and whether a patent confers a monopoly beyond the right to obtain relief in respect of acts of infringement.

Lappet Manufacturing Company v London Textile Industries [2022] EWHC 1412 (Ch)

Sole Counsel. Interim hearing regarding jurisdiction and transfer between IPEC and the general Intellectual Property list. The relief hearing ([2022] EWHC 2158 (Ch)) dealt with the application of new guideline hourly rates to intellectual property cases.

Dr Reddy's Laboratories (UK) v Warner-Lambert [2022] EWHC 1856 (Ch)

Sole counsel. Interim hearing concerning appropriateness of a 'legal eyes only' confidentiality ring.

Novartis AG v Teva UK & others [2022] EWHC 959 (Ch)

Sole Counsel. Successfully resisted interim injunction regarding second medical use patent covering ‘fingolimod’ for the treatment of relapsing multiple sclerosis.

Hand Held Products, Inc. v Zebra Technologies Europe Limited [2022] EWHC 640 (Ch)

Junior to Brian Nicholson QC. Interim hearing concerning jurisdiction and service in patent action related to bar code scanning and imaging technology.

Lufthansa Technik v Astronics Advanced Electronic Systems [2022] EWCA Civ 20

Junior to Hugo Cuddigan QC. Appeal from Patents Court concerning aircraft passenger in-seat power supply systems.

Claire Stone v Alexandra Wenman [2021] EWHC 2546 (IPEC)

Sole counsel. Trial for passing off and trade mark infringement between two spiritual and holistic therapists over the name ‘Archangel Alchemy’ for training and coaching.

Abbott Laboratories Limited v Dexcom Incorporated [2021] EWHC 2246 (Pat)

Junior to Iain Purvis QC in application for expedition of patent revocation proceedings concerning glucose monitoring devices.

Dr Reddy’s & Ranbaxy & ors v Warner-Lambert [2021] EWHC 2182 (Ch)

Junior to Brian Nicholson QC. Trial of a preliminary issue concerning the appropriate counterfactual in the inquiry into damages arising out of the ‘pregabalin’ litigation (the largest such inquiry in the history of the Patents Court). The claimants include several generic pharmaceutical manufacturers, and the NHS.

Facebook Ireland Limited v Voxer IP LLC [2021] EWHC 1377 (Pat)

Junior to Brian Nicholson QC. Shorter Trials Scheme patent action concerning the ‘Facebook Live’ and ‘Instagram Live’ services. Novel issues included infringement by equivalents and the related Formstein defence.

Recent appearances before the Appointed Person and in the trade marks registry

QVIDCO / QVID (O/0182/23), HYPERDOT (O/0171/23), LILY KING (O/068/23), FUWA FUWA (O/0036/23), PXG (O/1054/22), ICE COOL (O/665/22), GENTING SKYWORLDS (O/223/22 and O/629/22 on appeal), IMO (O/221/22), NEIGHBORHOOD (O/267/22), MNKY LOUNGE (O-269-21), AVITA / AVIYA (O-164-21).

Globefill v Poundland (16 October 2020; unreported)

Sole counsel. Interim injunction re design and trade mark rights in ‘crystal skull vodka’ bottles.

Sky Limited v Sky Insurance [2020] EWHC 1627 (Ch) (unreported)

Junior to Philip Roberts QC. Trade mark action including bad faith and genuine use.

Foundation for the protection of Halloumi v Babel Sajt [2020] EWHC 2858 (Ch)

Sole counsel. High Court appeal from the intellectual property office; the first occasion on which the High Court considered the law in respect of collective trade marks.

Lufthansa Technik v Astronics Advanced Electronic Systems [2020] EWHC 1968 (Pat)

Junior to Hugo Cuddigan QC. Patent action concerning passenger aircraft in-seat power supply systems. Novel issues included ‘kit of parts’ infringement.

Asia Standard v Standard International Management [2020] EWHC 28 (Ch)
Sole counsel. High Court appeal from a trade mark opposition decision in the IPO.

Multi-Access Limited v Guangzhou Wong Lo Kat [2019] EWHC 3357 (Ch)
Sole counsel. High Court trade mark appeal from the IPO.

Productivity-Quality Systems Inc v Jeff Aughton [2019] EWHC 2518 (QB)
Sole counsel. Ex-employer / ex-employee dispute concerning software copyright and confidential information. The case included a deposition for parallel US proceedings.

Shua Limited v Camp & Furnace (aka **Bongo's Bingo**) [2019 - unreported]
Sole counsel. Interim injunction application concerning the popular 'Bongo's Bingo' phenomenon.

Garmin (Europe) Ltd v Koninklijke Philips N.V. [2019] EWHC 107 (Ch)
Junior to Brian Nicholson QC. GPS fitness tracker patent case. Included unusual invalidity attacks including collocation and excluded subject matter.

Clearswift Ltd v Glasswall (IP) Ltd [2018] EWHC 2442 (Pat)
Junior to Brian Nicholson. Software patent revocation action.

Apple Retail UK Ltd v Qualcomm (UK) Ltd [2018] EWHC 1188 (Pat)
Junior to Brian Nicholson in the global FRAND litigation between Apple and Qualcomm.

Alliance Surgical Plc v Byrne & others [2018] EWHC B9 (Ch)
Sole counsel for the defendant in seven day ex-employee/ex-employer breach of confidence and database right infringement claim.

Scomadi Ltd & Anor v RA Engineering Co. Ltd & Ors [2017] EWHC 2658 (IPEC)
Junior counsel. Trial for design right and registered design infringement in scooters.

Positec Power Tools (Europe) Ltd v Husqvarna AB [2016] EWHC 1061 (Pat)
Junior counsel. Patent claim concerning robotic lawnmowers.

Meter-Tech Llc & Anor v British Gas Trading Ltd [2016] EWHC 2278
Junior to Hudo Cuddigan QC. Patent for a prepayment smart electricity meter.

John Cummings & others v Chrysalis Music Limited (2016, unreported)
Sole counsel. Music publishing agreement dispute over royalties for the band Mogwai.

Lumos Skincare Ltd v Sweet Squared (UK) Ltd & others [2015] EWHC 1313 (IPEC)
Sole counsel. Account of profits following successful passing off action.

Bodo Sperlein Ltd v Sabichi Retail Ltd & anr [2015] EWHC 1242 (IPEC)
Sole counsel. Two-day trial for copyright infringement and an account of profits.

Iglotex SA v Iglo Foods Group Ltd (IGLOTEX)- Case T-282/13
Sole counsel. Appeal from the Board of Appeal in a trade mark opposition.

Dalco v First Dimension [2015] EWHC 760 (IPEC)
Sole counsel. Summary judgment in unregistered Community design claim.

Kenilworth FundingCo, LLC v (1) Blackberry UK Limited & anr [2015] EWHC 3179 (Pat)
Led by Brian Nicholson. Mobile phone patent claim.

Farrow Holdings Group Inc v Secretary of State for Defence [2014] EWHC 2047 (Pat)
Sole counsel. Appeal from the Comptroller. Mechanical patent.

KL Communications v Fu [2014] EWHC 2387 (Ch)
Sole counsel. Database right case, involving a civil restraint order application.

Lumos Skincare Ltd v Sweet Squared Ltd [2013] EWCA Civ 671
Led by Richard Hacon. Passing off.

Surtec International GmbH v A-Tech Chemicals UK Ltd [2013] EWHC 2942 (Ch)
Sole counsel. Resisting interim injunction in trade mark / exhaustion of rights claim.

3i Infotech Ltd v The Royal Bank of Scotland PLC [2013, unreported]
Led by Brian Nicholson. Software copyright and confidential information claim.

Microsoft Corp v Motorola Mobility LLC [2012] EWHC 3677 (Pat)
Led by Daniel Alexander QC. Telecommunications patent trial.

Virgin Atlantic Airways v Delta Air Lines & others [2012] EWHC 3318 (Pat)
Sole counsel. Non-technical patent claim.

Lumos Skincare Ltd v Sweet Squared Ltd [2012] EWPC 22
Led by Richard Hacon. Two-day passing off trial.

Industrial Self Adhesives Limited v Teknek Ltd & others [2012] EWPC 10
Sole counsel. Application to amend a mechanical patent.

Omnipharm v Merial [2011] EWHC 3393 (Pat) (and on costs [2012] EWHC 172 (Pat))
Led by Henry Carr QC. Pharmaceutical patent trial.

Pro-Tec Covers Ltd v Specialised Covers Ltd [2011] EWPC 23
Led by Piers Acland QC. Unregistered design right trial.

Warner-Lambert v Teva UK Ltd [2011] EWHC 2018 (Ch)
Sole counsel. Resisting application for joinder in pharmaceutical patent claim.

Symantec Corp v (1) Heat & Eat Ltd (2) FN Computers Ltd [2011, unreported]
Sole Counsel. Parallel imports – pre-action disclosure. Patents County Court.

Snoozzzeee Dog & Friends Ltd v Snoozzzeee Dog BV [2011, unreported]
Sole counsel. Trade mark infringement - application for default judgment.