

Ashfords LLP strengthens its intellectual property offering with new partner hire

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Law firm Ashfords LLP has strengthened its highly-reputed intellectual property practice with the hire of renowned IP lawyer Clare Jackman.

Clare's high profile appointment reflects Ashfords' continued growth and expansion of its offering and expertise in the IP sector. Earlier this year, dual qualified Solicitor and Chartered Trade Mark Attorney Chris Sutoto-Haywood joined Ashfords, further bolstering the firm's IP team.

Previously Head of Trade Marks (UK) at international law firm Norton Rose Fulbright LLP, Clare is an experienced IP lawyer and Chartered Trade Mark Attorney. Clare specialises in all aspects of UK, European and International brand protection, including clearance searching, trade mark filing and prosecution, brand disputes and global trade mark portfolio management.

Clare has advised and acted for clients in various fields, but specialises particularly in the financial, energy, transport, media, healthcare, retail, consumer brands and luxury goods sectors.

Reported in Legal 500 as being 'sensible and commercial' and recommended as a trade mark adviser in World Trademark Review, Clare is recognised as an expert in trade mark law and practice.

Carl Steele, Partner and Head of IP at Ashfords LLP, said: "We are delighted to welcome Clare to the firm. She is a class operator and clients will love working with her. It is a sign of her confidence in Ashfords that she has resigned from her role as Head of Trade Marks (UK) at Norton Rose Fulbright, a major international law firm, in order to join the burgeoning IP team here at Ashfords. We continue to grow our trade marks practice year-on-year and our rankings show we are independently recognised now as being amongst the top TM firms in the UK. Clare joining us will only make us stronger - and an even better option for businesses with IP needs."

Clare Jackman added: "I'm very excited to be joining Ashfords' already successful and well-established trade marks practice. I bring with me 28 years' experience of managing trade mark portfolios, both large and small, and of working with clients across many different sectors and fields. Ashfords' practice provides me with the perfect, ready-made platform to pursue my specialism, provide commercial advice and deliver excellent client service."

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