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adjudicator, called the Expert, to make a binding decision about what should

**ADAM TAYLOR ALAN LIMBURY** Occupation: Solicitor: Internet Law principal Occupation: Mediator and Arbitrator Professional Experience: Adam was a partner at City of London Professional Experience: Alan, MA (Jurisprudence) Oxford, law firm Withers before setting up internet and domain name MDR UTS, is Managing Director of Strategic Action Pty Ltd., law practice Adlex Solicitors in 2001. As well as domain name a mediation consultancy, having practised for over 20 years disputes, Adam handles internet reputation, website terms as a litigation lawyer in Sydney before turning in 1987 to and privacy, web contracts and other online legal issues. mediation and arbitration. He has conducted over 3,000 mediations and arbitrated over 620 domain name disputes. DRS Expert: 2002 - present. Over 100 decisions. DRS Expert: 2008 - present. Over 50 decisions. https://www.nominet.uk/meet-our-drs-experts-adam-taylor/



## in September 2018 and, within the wider group, Andrew now serves as Domain Consulting and ADR Director. DRS Expert: 2001 - present. Over 100 decisions.

**BOB ELLIOTT** 

Occupation: Consultant, non-practising solicitor. Professional Experience: Bob practised as a solicitor in major City of London and regional law firms for over 30 years, specialising in commercial litigation, intellectual property and IT related matters, with recognition as a leading individual in both Chambers Guide to the Legal Profession and Legal 500 during that time. DRS Expert: 2002 - present. Over 100 decisions.

had spent the previous 30 years and been acknowledged

by independent publications, such as Chambers and

clearance and pre-litigation infringement advice.

DRS Expert: 2004 - present. Over 50 decisions.

Professional Experience: Claire Milne is an experienced

independent telecoms and ICT policy consultant, active both

Expert Review Group member: 166 reviews. 23 appeal panels.

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nationally and internationally. She has worked closely with

UK consumer organisations and sat on a number of public

bodies. She is involved with the internet as an enthusiastic

user, consumer representative, and policy adviser.

DRS Expert: 2001 - present. Over 20 decisions.

Occupation Solicitor: Commercial Litigation

Professional Experience: David has advised on and

acted in internet-related disputes since 1995 and leads

range of internet legal issues including website content,

the firm's internet disputes team. David advises on a

Limited. The company provides corporate domain name

Dispute Resolution (ADR) advice to UK and international

organisations. Demys was acquired by the Com Laude Group

management and domain-name related Alternative



ANNA CARBONI Occupation: IP Consultant and Mediator; Solicitor and Barrister (non-practising) Professional Experience: As of July 2021 Anna is 'resting' after 35 years of practice as a London-based IP lawyer, including as a solicitor and partner in law firms including Linklaters, Redd and Wiggin, and as a barrister at Wilberforce Chambers. Her main areas of focus have been on brand strategy and IP dispute resolution (litigation, mediation and other forms of ADR) across the spectrum of trade marks, domain names, designs and copyright.

Expert Review Group member: 83 reviews. 13 appeal panels.

Professional Experience: Catherine qualified as a solicitor in 2002, starting her career at a large midlands-based

firm and specialised in litigation including contractual

disputes, directors disqualification proceedings and

defamation. She joined Serjeants LLP, a firm of Patent

interest in Intellectual Property. She qualified as a Trade

and Trade Mark Attorneys, in order to pursue her

Mark Attorney in 2011, being made a Partner in 2013 before leaving in 2020 to become a Consultant.

Professional Experience: Chris graduated with a 1st in physics from Imperial College and worked as an

IT project manager before turning to law. He joined

in 2010, and is now well-established with a wealth of

experience in all intellectual property disciplines.

specialist intellectual property chambers 11 South Square

Massey University School of Business and the Arbitrators

and Mediators Institute of New Zealand (AMINZ).

DRS Expert: 2012 - present. Over 50 decisions.

Occupation: Solicitor (non practising)

DRS Expert: 2004 - present. Over 30 decisions.

CATHERINE SLATER

Occupation: IP Consultant

DRS Expert: 2019 - present.

CHRISTOPHER HALL

DRS Expert: 2019 - present.

Occupation: Barrister

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## Occupation: Solicitor (retired) Professional Experience: Until retiring in 2017, Chris had been a partner of international law firm DLA Piper, where he

CLAIRE MILNE

CHRIS TULLEY

Partner at Addleshaw Goddard

DAVID ENGEL

Occupation: ICT Policy Consultant

protection of rights and reputation online, internet antipiracy, domain name disputes and liability of ISPs. DRS Expert: 2008 - present. Over 50 decisions. https://www.nominet.uk/meet-our-drs-experts-david-engel/ DAVID KREIDER

Occupation: Chartered Arbitrator and a licensed solicitor

and attorney-at-law in England and Wales, Hong Kong, New

York, New Jersey, California, Florida and Washington, D.C.

intellectual property, information technology, software

industry disputes, David has been appointed presiding

SIAC and ICDR administered and ad hoc proceedings.

DRS Expert: 2019 - present.

DAWN OSBORNE

Occupation: Solicitor: Internet Law and

e-commerce Partner of McCarthy Denning

Professional Experience: Dawn specialises in Internet

law/e-commerce and is recommended for intellectual

web sites, the use of brands/IPR on the Net including

new TLDs and the protection and enforcement of IPR

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Professional Experience: Gill has specialised for some 30

Spens (now SNR Dentons) in 1988 and becoming a partner

in 1993. Gill was Head of the IP & Technology Dispute team

there until 2012 before leaving to join Brodies LLP again to

head up their IP and Technology Dispute resolution team.

Occupation: Jacqueline practices in all areas of IP and in IT law

Professional Experience: Jacqueline is sought after for her

expertise in the areas of Trade Marks, Data Protection and Confidential Information and often advises high profile clients

in these areas. She has an equally impressive reputation for

her work in the areas of design right and copyright cases.

DRS Expert: 2016 - present. Over 50 decisions.

years in IP and IT litigation and dispute resolution and

qualified as a solicitor in 1986, joining Maclay Murray &

property in the Legal 500. She regularly advises

in cyberspace including notice and takedown.

DRS Expert: 2002 - present. Over 100 decisions.

businesses in relation to the content or hosting of

arbitrator, sole arbitrator or co-arbitrator in more than 40

international arbitration references, including ICC, HKIAC,

Professional Experience: Experienced in deciding

and luxury goods licensing, financial and hospitality

Legal 500, as a leading Intellectual Property lawyer. His practice covered the protection, enforcement and exploitation of brands, designs, inventions and confidential information; e-commerce, comparative advertising; character and personality merchandising; advertising

### Occupation: Arbitrator and Mediator Professional Experience: Dr. Clive Trotman practises dispute resolution, with a preference for the arbitration or adjudication of technical matters, as principal of Dispute Science Ltd. He trained in dispute resolution at

DAVID KING

CLIVE TROTMAN

DRS Expert: 2002 - present. Over 20 decisions. Expert Review Group member: 171 reviews. 15 appeal panels. DAVID TAYLOR Occupation: Solicitor: Intellectual Property, Media & Technology Partner Professional Experience: David specialises in Internet related intellectual property, and in particular the protection of brands online. David heads up the Lovells

International Domain Name Practice, which covers

names and clients' rights in over 160 jurisdictions.

DRS Expert: 2008 - present. Over 50 decisions.

Occupation: A domestic and international

Professional Experience: Flip has been handling arbitrations for

nearly 30 years. He has served as chairman, sole arbitrator and

arbitration proceedings. Matters were related to the following

party-appointed arbitrator, and he also acted as counsel in

industries: Information Technology, Telecommunications,

Professional Experience: Ian Lowe retired as a solicitor in

2017 after more than 40 years in practice. His work over

the previous 25 years focussed on all areas of contentious

copyright, design right and registered designs, as well as

DRS Expert: 2002 - present. Over 20 decisions.

intellectual property issues, including trade marks, patents,

domain name, e commerce and other technology disputes.

Expert Review Group member: 167 reviews. 21 appeal panels.

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Professional Experience: From 1989-1992 James was Associate lawyer Patent and Trade Mark Agents, Dublin

and mediator. His practice is based at 4-5 Gray's Inn

Square London and The Law Library, Dublin.

Occupation: Independent Mediator

Professional Experience: Jon Lang is an independent

years in private practice, the last six as a partner in

the disputes group of White & Case in London, Jon

a wide variety of commercial and intellectual

property matters both in the UK and overseas.

DRS Expert: 2008 - present. Over 50 decisions.

set up his own mediation practice. He has mediated

Occupation: Solicitor. Joint Managing Partner and Joint Head of IP and IT Litigation at Waterfront Solicitors LLP

both contentious and non-contentious. However, in the

past he has practised as a general commercial litigator

Professional Experience: Before joining the Bar in 1980,

as Queens Counsel in 1996 and has long been one of

the leading IP Silks. He has appeared in many leading

patent, trade mark and copyright cases over the last

30 years and is well known for his technical grasp and

IP expertise. He is also well-known for his IT practice,

having acted in a number of substantial IT disputes.

DRS Expert: 2008 - present. Over 50 decisions.

DRS Expert: 2008 - present. Over 50 decisions.

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Occupation: Partner and Solicitor at Edwin Coe LLP

Professional Experience: Nick is a Solicitor specialising in

Intellectual Property and IT work. His practice includes

a broad range of both contentious and non-contentious

experience of more general commercial matters. Nick

regularly advises on domain name issues and has been

DRS Expert: 2004 - present. Over 100 decisions.

involved in and successfully resolved disputes under both

Professional Experience: Peter's entire practice has been as an in-house lawyer: He has wide experience in technology

law and Intellectual Property matters. Since 1988 Peter has

and hardware companies. He has a breadth of experience

both as a practical in-house lawyer, including first-hand

experience of domain name disputes, and as a lecturer

and researcher on legal issues related to the Internet.

DRS Expert: 2008 - present. Over 50 decisions.

worked in, or on behalf of a number of well known software

Professional Experience: Ravi has been working as a solicitor

in the online, technology and brand space since qualification

in 1999. He advises clients on a range of IP, commercial and

private practice in the UK (Bird & Bird and Clarke Willmott

LLP) and Australia (Corrs Chambers Westgarth). Ravi has also

held senior in-house roles at Vodafone Group Services Limited,

technology legal issues, and has worked as a solicitor in

Quadriga Worldwide Limited and VEON Digital Limited.

DRS Expert: 2012 - present. Over 50 decisions.

Occupation: Solicitor: Intellectual Property

Professional Experience: Russell is an experienced

competition and regulatory lawyer who has managed

has involved a number of high-profile roles including

his current role as General Counsel and Company Secretary at the Oil and Gas Authority (the 'OGA').

DRS Expert: 2008 - present. Over 50 decisions.

various dispute resolutions and multi-discipline litigation

before the UK, EU and Grand Cayman courts. His career

Occupation: Solicitor: Intellectual Property Partner, Field Fisher Waterhouse LLP's IP/IT Dispute Resolution Group

Professional Experience: Simon's work covers all areas of

on brand protection. He also has a wealth of experience

of developing and implementing internet enforcement programmes to protect clients' brands on the internet.

DRS Expert: 2002 - present. Over 100 decisions.

Occupation: Chartered Arbitrator, barrister

Professional Experience: Stephen has a UK domestic and international commercial arbitration practice

carried on through ARBDB, international arbitration

chambers in London: www.arbdb.com. His practice

latterly at 5RB barristers' chambers until 2017.

DRS Expert: 2008 - present. Over 50 decisions.

Occupation: Solicitor: Information Technology

Professional Experience: Steven is a partner with Maier

media and entertainment work and dispute resolution.

He has 25 years' post-qualification experience in both commercial and IP litigation, including copyright, trade

Blackburn, a specialist legal practice focusing on IP,

mark, passing off, breach of confidence, libel and

privacy disputes as well as domain name cases.

DRS Expert: 2002 - present. Over 100 decisions.

and Intellectual Property Partner

background is as a barrister at the English Bar, with over

25 years' experience in a range of civil and commercial matters, specialising in media & entertainment law,

intellectual property including trade marks, patents, copyright,

designs and confidential information, with particular emphasis

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drs-experts-ravi-mohindra/

RUSSELL RICHARDSON

SIMON CHAPMAN

Intellectual Property and IT work and he also has considerable

Nominet's DRS and ICANN's Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy.

niall-lawless-a-black-belt-arbitrator/

**NICK PHILLIPS** 

PETER DAVIES

RAVI MOHINDRA

Occupation: Solicitor

Occupation: Non-practicing barrister

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Michael read physics at Imperial College. He was appointed

Professional Experience: Matthew specialises in all aspects of Intellectual Property and Information Technology law

commercial mediator. In May 2005, after almost twenty

DRS Expert: 2002 - present. Over 100 decisions.

and from 1992 has been a practicing barrister, arbitrator

Intellectual Property, Construction and Energy.

Occupation: IP Consultant and Mediator;

negotiator, litigator and arbitrator

DRS Expert: 2019 - present.

IAN LOWE

Solicitor (non-practising)

JAMES BRIDGEMAN SC

Occupation: Barrister

JON LANG

FLIP PETILLION

the registration, recovery and protection of domain

Professional Experience: David was admitted in 1975 and spent

1994 and 1998 and then became a Senior Advisor in the Clients

the next 18 years in private practice before joining The Law

Society in 1993. He was a departmental manager between

Relations Office (the predecessor of the Legal Complaints)

Service) which dealt with complaints about the service

provided by solicitors and disputes regarding solicitors' costs under the Remuneration Certificates procedure.



## GILL GRASSIE Occupation: Retired Intellectual Property and Technology dispute lawyer and part time nutritionist

JACQUELINE REID

DRS Expert: 2019 - present.

MARK DE BRUNNER

MATTHEW LAVY

DRS Expert: 2019 - present.

MICAH OGILVIE

DRS Expert: 2019 - present.

Occupation: Complaints Reviewer

DRS Expert: 2019 - present.

**EXPERTS** 

**NIAL VIVIAN** 

Occupation: Barrister at 4 Pump Court

Occupation: Civil Servant (retired)

JANE SEAGER Occupation: Solicitor and Partner at Hogan Lovells, Paris

Professional Experience: With years of experience in Intellectual Property, Media and Technology law, Jane has advised many clients on brand protection online, in particular regarding the protection and recuperation of domain names in many jurisdictions across the globe. DRS Expert: 2008 - present. Over 50 decisions.

Professional Experience: Mark spent over thirty years as a civil servant, starting as a tax inspector with the Inland Revenue

and ending up at the Cabinet Office, working on Brexit. In between, he had a range of senior technical, policy, strategy

and delivery roles. Mark is an experienced programme

Business School's Major Projects Leadership Academy.

Professional Experience: Matthew acts and advises on a

and users of networks, computer systems, internet and

cloud services and software across a variety of industry

sectors. Matthew is a trustee of the Society for Computers

and Law, and speaks regularly on the legal implications of

leading edge technologies such as blockchain, IoT and AI.

Occupation: Head of Legal at Safenames Limited

Professional Experience: As domain management and brand

policy, domain portfolio management, acquisitions, domain name dispute resolution, gTLD/ccTLD registration procedures,

Professional Experience: Nial has worked in the complaints

field since 2012, where he began working for major banks

specific failures, especially Payment Protection Insurance.

He then moved into the Ombudsman field, working as an

Executive Assistant at Ombudsman Services, before resolving

complaints by adjudication or mutual agreement in the Energy

sector as an Investigation Officer. Currently, Nial is employed reviewing complaints within a law enforcement agency.

as a contractor, dealing with complaints arising out of

NICK GARDNER - CHAIR OF THE PANEL OF

Occupation: Solicitor: Intellectual Property Consultant

lawyer with leading international law firm Herbert Smith

its intellectual property and technology practice for 18

intellectual property group. Prior to joining Herbert Smith

he obtained a first class honours degree in law from the University of Nottingham. Law was a second career for him

having originally studied electrical engineering and then worked for a number of years in the computer business.

Expert Review Group member: 202 reviews. 24 appeal panels.

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scientifically qualified with a degree in Applied Physics and

a PhD. Patricia has over 20 years experience as a solicitor.

specialist intellectual property law firm and was formerly an

Prior to joining Pannone Corporate, Patricia ran her own

intellectual property partner at an international law firm.

Professional Experience: Phil's practice encompasses all

technology, with a particular specialism and expertise

in the areas of e-commerce, internet domain names and

the commercial exploitation of computer software. He

regularly acts and advises on the intellectual property

aspects and commercial aspects of IT disputes.

DRS Expert: 2002 - present. Over 20 decisions.

aspects of the law of intellectual property and information

DRS Expert: 2008 - present. Over 50 decisions.

Occupation: Barrister Intellectual Property

Professional Experience: Nick Gardner practised as a

LLP in London for over 25 years. He was a partner in

years, latterly with 7 years as world wide head of the

sunrise periods and other rights protection mechanisms.

protection expert, Micah advises on the protection of brands online with an emphasis on online counterfeiting, internet

wide range of technology and telecoms-related disputes.

He is regularly instructed on behalf of providers, purchasers

DRS Expert: 2002 - present. Over 100 decisions.

director and a graduate of the University of Oxford/Saïd

## and today the primary focus of his practice is IP, IT and Internet related litigation. His experience of Domain Name disputes stretches back to involvement in the Harrods. com domain name dispute in 1996, probably the first domain name dispute to come before the English Courts. DRS Expert: 2004 - present. Over 100 decisions.

MICHAEL SILVERLEAF QC

Occupation: QC: Intellectual Property

MATTHEW HARRIS

experts-michael-silverleaf-qc/ **NIALL LAWLESS** Occupation: Chartered Arbitrator & Engineer, Adjudicator, Mediator Professional Experience: Niall is a Chartered Arbitrator, Information Systems Practitioner, Mechanical Engineer, Building Services Engineer, and Chartered Builder. Niall is an experienced international commercial arbitrator ('ad hoc' and ICC), who has published awards in commercial, construction and engineering, IT and technology disputes. Niall is a member of many respected panels of Arbitrators in Asia and Europe. In 2008, he was appointed as EU Expert to help China investigate improvements to its arbitration law.



## PATRICIA JONES Occupation: Solicitor - Intellectual Property and Data Protection Professional Experience: Patricia is a consultant at Pannone Corporate LLP based in Manchester specialising in intellectual property and data protection. She is

PHILIP ROBERTS QC

Expert Review Group member: 140 reviews. 15 appeal panels. RICHARD STEPHENS Occupation: Solicitor: Information Technology; mediator; arbitrator

Professional Experience: Richard read law at Cambridge and first qualified as a barrister. Richard subsequently

re-qualified as a solicitor and has been a specialist in IT

Law for some 35 years. In that time he has become one

of the best known IT lawyers, having been ranked as a "Leader in His Field" in the Chambers Guide to the Law. DRS Expert: 2012 - present. Over 50 decisions. SALLIE SPILSBURY Occupation: Principal Policy Adviser, Information Commissioners Office Professional Experience: Sallie is a former solicitor specialising in Intellectual Property and media disputes and former legal academic. She is the author of "A Guide to Advertising" and Sales Promotion Law" and "Media law" published by Cavendish Publishing Limited. She also contributes to legal

journals on media and intellectual property law related issues.

DRS Expert: 2002 - present. Over 100 decisions.

Professional Experience: Simon is an IP and technology solicitor, and has been practicing in the IP field since

2002. After training at City law firm Baker McKenzie,

Simon worked in-house for technology start-ups and

organisations, from start-ups in the space industry to

for an international publishing business. Simon founded

Sellars Legal in 2018 to offer an alternative to traditional law firm legal advice, and works with a wide range of

national insurance companies and academic institutions.

Professional Experience: Steve has over 25 years engineering

and commercial experience in the software and electronics industries and made the transition to qualify as a solicitor

in 2006. He began his career as an electronics design

manager with responsibility for a business unit. He sat

on several appeal panels as an independent arbitrator in 1990/91 when Ferranti made thousands of employees

redundant and many appealed against selection.

DRS Expert: 2003 - present. Over 100 decisions.

engineer with Ferranti and was appointed as programme

Professional Experience: Tim is Head of Brand Protection

SIMON SELLARS

Occupation: Solicitor

DRS Expert: 2019 - present.

STEVE ORMAND

Occupation: Solicitor

# STEVEN MAIER

STEPHEN BATE

and accredited mediator

TONY WILLOUGHBY Occupation: IP Consultant Professional Experience: Tony qualified in 1970 and worked in the Trade Marks Department of The Distillers Company Limited (now part of Diageo) until joining Herbert Smith in 1973. He became a partner in 1977 and remained there until 1994 when he left to join Rouse & Co (later Willoughby & Partners). Tony was a partner at Willoughby & Partners until April 2006, he is now retired. He has specialised in all aspects of intellectual property (contentious and

non-contentious) since he was admitted to practice.

DRS Expert: 2001 - present. Over 100 decisions.

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drs-experts-tony-willoughby/



#### at Com Laude Group. In this role Tim has advised some of the world's foremost brands, celebrities and businesses on Internet intellectual property matters over the past two decades. Tim has specialised in Internet intellectual property since 1996 when he focused on the interaction between trade marks and domains as part of his IT and IP focused law degree at Southampton University.

Occupation: Head of Brand Protection

TIM BROWN

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DRS Expert: 2012 - present. Over 50 decisions.