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Clarion's Leeds IP team continues to grow



Leeds-based Clarion has strengthened its growing intellectual property (IP) practice with the appointment of Paul Bicknell as an associate in the four-strong team.

Paul joins from Lawdit Solicitors in Southampton where he trained for two years, working across a full range of contentious and non contentious IP work. Before embarking on his legal career, Paul obtained a Master of Laws in Commercial and Intellectual Property Law, and he already has a number of publications in leading journals in the field.

In his new role, Paul will work within the Clarion team on IP matters relating to patents, designs, trade marks and copyright, including litigation and dispute resolution, as well as advising on registered IP protection, IP agreements and exploitation.

Leigh Martin, lead partner of Clarion's IP practice adds: "The IP practice at Clarion has gone from strength to strength over the last three years, with a solid and growing base of SME and blue chip clients, all of which appreciate the competitive edge and value which an active national and international IP strategy brings to them.

"With the number and complexity of instructions we are receiving continuing to increase, Paul will be a valuable addition to the team."

Paul comments, "I wanted to work within a dynamic firm with genuine depth and expertise in this field, and one which is really making an impact on the profession in terms of raising the standards of client service. Clarion's IP practice has already established a strong reputation as one of the leading teams in



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Yorkshire and beyond. Working with such high calibre lawyers will be a fantastic learning experience for me and I am looking forward to contributing to the team's further success."

Clarion's IP practice has a diverse client base from multinationals to SMEs across a range of industries. It encompasses all aspects of intellectual property law, including the identification, protection and commercial exploitation of intellectual property, as well as litigation and the resolution of intellectual property disputes. The department's areas of expertise cover patents, designs, trade marks, passing off, copyright and the protection of confidential information.

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Photo shows: L to R: Esther Kirwan; Sophia Constantindis; Leigh Martin; and Paul Bicknell of Clarion's IP team

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