

## Clarion Solicitors

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### Clarion Strengthens IP Team with the Appointment of Esther Kirwan



Esther Kirwan has joined Clarion Solicitors as a senior associate, further boosting its growing team of intellectual property (IP) specialists.

Esther has 11 years' experience, training with Eversheds before joining Lupton Fawcett in 2006 where she was a senior associate, specialising in contentious and non-contentious IP.

“Having worked with Esther before, I know that she will play a key role in building the reputation of our specialist IP service, both by expanding our work for existing clients and also by helping us to win new clients,” commented Leigh Martin, lead partner of Clarion’s IP division. “Esther’s appointment forms part of our strategy to create a high quality team of IP experts based here in Leeds, able to provide the full spectrum of IP services from regional requirements through to international.”

Esther comments, “I am looking forward to working with Leigh to establish Clarion as one of the leading IP teams, offering a real alternative to the national firms by providing expert and cost-effective advice.

“Clarion is a growing, dynamic firm, which already has an impressive portfolio of clients and is continuing to expand due to the high quality of its work.”

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.

Esther Kirwan is the latest lawyer to join Clarion, following on from the appointment of Matthew Hattersley earlier this month as the fourth partner to join the firm’s corporate and commercial department.

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