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Jim gained a Masters degree in Biochemical Engineering before specialising in Intellectual Property law, with an emphasis on technology. He is chair of the firm's Life Sciences Group. Jim has advised organisations within the pharma and biotech sectors since 1987 on commercial agreements, regulatory matters, IP protection and disputes. Jim is also an accredited mediator with ADR Group. He has been involved in many tens of disputes across the range of 'hard' IP, including patent, industrial copyright, confidential information, design rights and trade mark disputes.



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Chris Shelley heads the Technology & Media Department at Manches in Oxford. He has a broadly - based, non-contentious intellectual property law practice, advising on patents, trade marks, copyright and designs. Much of his work focuses on science-and technology-based companies, and the publishing sector. Chris is also an expert in EU and UK Competition Law and in the EU law relating to the free movement of goods.



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Patrick is a partner in the Corporate Department in Oxford. He has many years of experience advising life sciences companies at all stages of their lifecycle from establishment, through subsequent funding rounds to an exit. He also advises on joint ventures, corporate governance, M&A work, and share-option schemes.



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Justin has experience advising clients from a wide variety of backgrounds, including university spin-outs and evolving businesses, owner-managed businesses and companies in the biotech and engineering sectors. His expertise lies in advising both UK and international clients on a full range of corporate transactions and matters: raising finance, domestic and cross border acquisitions, disposals, joint ventures and reorganisations. He has also advised on many transactions with an international aspect, for US clients in particular.



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Catherine has a Natural Sciences degree and Ph.D from the University of Cambridge and six years experience working for UK Research Councils. Since qualifying as a solicitor in 2000 she has concentrated on non-contentious intellectual property law in the life sciences sector. She advises both public and private sector clients on matters including collaborative research and joint development, technology transfer, regulatory issues, contract research, clinical trials and manufacturing agreements, and the protection and exploitation of intellectual property rights.



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