



**Standing Counsel for the Comptroller-General of Patents,**

**Designs and Trade Marks**

**Application Form**

**Please read the information sheet provided with this form before completing it**

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| **Personal Information** | | | |
| Surname: | | Title: | Male  Female |
| Forenames: | | | |
| Any previous names: | | | Date of Birth: |
| **Your Current Chambers/Practice** | | | |
| Name of Chambers/Practice: | | | |
| Length of time at your current Chambers/Practice:  Years:      Months: | | | |
| Address of Chambers/Practice:    Telephone:  E-Mail: | Address for Communications (if not current Chambers/Practice):    Telephone:  E-Mail: | | |
| **If you do not complete the right-hand box, we will assume you content for us to communicate with you at your current Chambers/Practice.** | | | |

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| **Your Regular Advocacy Experience** |
| Date commenced regular advocacy (from end of second six months’ pupillage for barristers, date of commencement of advocacy for solicitors):  Month:      Year: |
| Less any periods during which you have not undertaken regular advocacy (please detail): |
| Total Regular Advocacy Experience:  Years:      Months: |

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| **Previous Chambers/Practice(s)** |
| Please provide name(s) of any previous Chambers/Practice(s) and the nature of the work you did: |

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| **Your Professional Qualifications** | | | |
| Dates of Bar/Law Society Examinations: | | | |
| Grades of Bar/Law Society Examinations: | | | |
| Barristers – Please give date of Call, Chambers where undertook pupillage and brief description of work undertaken: | | | |
| Solicitors – Please supply details of any Higher Court advocacy qualifications: | | | |
| **Your Degree and Any Post-Graduate Qualification(s)** | | | |
| Date | Institution | Course/Subject | Result (including grades) |
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| If you did not obtain a class 2.1 or higher in your main degree, please say what compensates for this in your view (e.g. other qualifications, experience): |

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| **Examples of Your Work** |

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| ADVOCACY  Please provide details of some representative examples (no more than five) of your advocacy experience in intellectual property, detailing what you learned from each. You may anonymise your examples, which will be treated by us in confidence in any case.  It would also be helpful to the selection board if you provided a list of cases of which you have had the conduct over the last year or so, to give a flavour of your practice. |
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| ADVISORY  Please provide details of some representative examples (no more than five) of your advisory experience in intellectual property, detailing what you learned from each. You may anonymise your examples, which will be treated by us in confidence in any case. |

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| WRITTEN ABILITY  (1) Please attach one opinion and one skeleton argument as examples of your written work (you may anonymise them and we will treat them in confidence in any case). For Opinions in certain matters you should be aware that anonymisation may not be sufficient to prevent a risk of breach of confidence by the disclosure of information that continues to be confidential in character.  (2) Please say in the space below the reasons for your selections and what they show.  (3) In the case of jointly signed documents, you must confirm that they are principally your own work, and our preference is for cases where you have not been led. |

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| GOVERNMENT LITIGATION  Please say below, in no more than 200 words, what you feel are the particular requirements of Government litigation from the point of view of an advocate representing the Government: |
| Please use the space below to mention anything else in support of your application |
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| **Declaration and Referees** | | | |
| I declare that all the information I have given on this form is to the best of my knowledge and belief true and complete. I understand that if it is subsequently discovered that any statement is false or misleading, or that I have withheld relevant information, my application may be disqualified or, if I have already been appointed, my services may be terminated. | | | |
| Signature: | | | Date: |
| My three referees are (names, addresses & telephone numbers): | | | |
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| Please could you indicate where you heard of this vacancy. |

Please return your completed form and any attachments by email to [standingcounsel2025@ipo.gov.uk](mailto:standingcounsel2025@ipo.gov.uk), to reach us no later than **5pm on Monday 8 September 2025**