J A Kemp boasts one of the UK’s most highly qualified collections of attorneys.

Your intellectual property assets are of great value to you. To help you to secure, protect and exploit them, you need technical experts who are also creative problem solvers. You need a team of specialists working together to pool their knowledge and resources in support of your business goals.

J A Kemp is a leading UK and European Patent and Trade Mark Attorney firm that combines independent thinking with collective excellence.

OUR SERVICE ETHOS
We put you, the client, at the centre of all that we do.
For us, client service is not just about being approachable and responsive. It is about caring deeply, going the extra mile, generating creative solutions to your commercial challenges and working as a team with you to implement them. The necessary expertise is always available to provide you with a full and timely response.
WHO WE ARE

We are one of the largest UK and European Patent and Trade Mark Attorney firms, with offices in London, Oxford, Cambridge, Paris and Munich.

J A Kemp is known for the breadth and depth of its technical knowledge relevant to patents. There are over 60 science and technology graduates in our patent teams, including at least 30 PhDs, and no area of science or technology is outside our scope.

Our trade marks team is led by senior professionals with backgrounds in major international law firms. The team has the expertise and resources to handle any trade marks matter.

WHAT WE DO

Patents

We draft, file and prosecute patent applications in the UK, Europe and the rest of the world. We handle patent oppositions and appeals within Europe, especially before the European Patent Office (EPO), and we can act to protect your patent portfolios in individual countries, regionally or worldwide.

We add value to your business by advising on patent strategy, such as where and when to file applications. We are also known for our expertise in specialist areas of work such as patent restorations, handling registrable transactions and obtaining Supplementary Protection Certificates.

Trade Marks

We advise on trade mark selection and strategy and can undertake clearance searching globally. We file, defend and oppose trade mark applications in the UK, Europe and the rest of the world. We have particular expertise in the protection of unusual trade marks and pharmaceutical trade marks. We regularly undertake due diligence exercises in corporate transactional matters.

Litigation and Dispute Resolution

We are equipped to handle contentious intellectual property matters in the UK Courts, the Unified Patent Court, the EPO and the UK and European Union Intellectual Property Offices.

Our litigation and dispute resolution team combines in-depth knowledge of patents, trade marks and designs with the litigation skills of its solicitors, patent attorneys and an in-house barrister to achieve successful outcomes for our clients.

Other Intellectual Property Rights

We handle all aspects of design protection in the UK, Europe and the rest of the world. We can also advise you in other specialised areas such as plant variety rights.

WHO OUR CLIENTS ARE

We work for a large variety of clients, from startups, spinouts and SMEs through to some of the largest corporations and most prestigious academic institutions in the world. We also have a network of attorney firms throughout the world who instruct us on behalf of their clients.

Startups, Spinouts and SMEs

We advise companies on intellectual property issues from early innovation stages through growth, expansion and in many cases acquisition. Many startup and spinout companies rely totally on our intellectual property advice because they do not have any in-house experts. Often they come to us in the first place on the recommendation of a university or as a result of our involvement with a technology transfer organisation.

Large Corporate Clients

Corporate clients are the backbone of our client base. We are known for our expertise and long experience in handling major patent and trade mark filing programmes, sometimes covering every significant market worldwide, for some of the largest commercial organisations in the world. We have the resources, expertise and systems required to cope with huge numbers of cases for the same client.

Universities and Technology Transfer

We handle large volumes of work for two of the four leading university-based technology transfer operations in the UK. Our client base also includes several smaller technology transfer organisations. We work directly for leading universities overseas on cases at the cutting edge of science, across many different fields of technology.

Overseas Attorney Firms

We value highly our strong relationships with attorney firms throughout the world. Some are firms that we have worked with for decades, handling major caseloads on behalf of their clients across diverse technology areas. Our partners regularly travel overseas and aim to visit attorney firms when they can. We appreciate the importance of personal relationships, not just between firms but also between individual attorneys.

“Commentators praise J A Kemp’s partners for their ‘intelligence, creativity and ingenuity’, and are delighted with the consistently high quality of their work.”

Chambers & Partners
WHAT WE ARE KNOWN FOR
We commissioned a market research firm to ask 50 of our clients and professional contacts what they thought of J A Kemp. The firm was described as:

“Highly regarded and respected as a leading player in its field”

“Known for quality, reliability, technical excellence and professionalism”

“Considered to be responsive, trusted, friendly and approachable”

“What is particularly known for its expertise in complex work”

“A firm with a reputation for timeliness and efficiency”

CAREERS
Many of our partners and attorneys trained with the firm from the outset of their career. We also recruit selectively both part-qualified and qualified attorneys. We are known for our commitment to training and mentoring our attorneys at all stages of their career. Our record of first time professional examination successes is second to none.

If you are interested in exploring the possibility of a career with us as a patent attorney or trade mark attorney, further information is available on our website.

ENQUIRIES
If you would like to find out more about the firm, please contact us by email or via the ‘Contact Us’ section of our website. For specific contacts relevant to Client Service Groups and technology and sector specialisms, please refer to our website.

CLIENT SERVICE GROUPS
J A Kemp has three patent Client Service Groups and a separate Group dedicated to trade marks and designs. The work we do for you as a client will be led by an attorney in one of these Groups. Our attorneys are supported by trainees and experienced paralegal, formalities and support staff.

The Client Service Groups are:
• Biotechnology and Life Sciences
• Chemistry and Pharmaceuticals
• Engineering and IT
• Trade Marks and Designs

The firm has the resources and expertise to handle work across all technologies and in all industry sectors. Attorneys in each Client Service Group work closely with colleagues in other specialist areas to meet your particular needs as a client, whatever your technology or sector specialism. We can also call as required on the expert resources of our litigation and dispute resolution team.

TECHNOLOGY AND SECTOR SPECIALISMS
J A Kemp is capable of handling large volumes of patent cases in all technologies. We never have to turn work away because we lack the expertise to understand the science or because we do not have experience of the relevant industry sector. The strength in depth of our teams means that we can manage multiple cases simultaneously for a single client, either in a specific technology area or crossing technological boundaries.

We have specialist teams with particular expertise in the following areas:
• Antibodies and Biologics
• Bioinformatics
• Chemistry
• Cleantech
• Diagnostics and Personalised Medicine
• Electronics and Electrical Technology
• Engineering
• IT and Software
• Manufacturing
• Materials and Metallurgy
• Medical Devices and Technology
• Optics
• Pharmaceuticals
• Plant Science and Agriculture
• Polymers
• Regenerative medicine
• Semiconductors
• Vaccines and Immunology

“J A Kemp’s patent group provides timely and succinct advice and its technical and professional expertise is completely comprehensive… The firm’s team of trade mark attorneys are true experts and above all extremely commercial.”

The Legal 500