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**WIPO LIST OF NEUTRALS**

**BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

Nick GARDNER  
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Nationality: British

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**EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

Bachelor of laws degree, University of Nottingham (First Class Honours), 1985;  
Admitted as a Solicitor of the High Court in England, 1988;  
Qualified as Solicitor Advocate 1994;  
CEDR accredited mediator 2013.

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**LANGUAGES**

English

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**PRESENT POSITION**

Independent Expert, intellectual property and technology disputes. Chair (2015 onwards) Nominet's Panel of Experts dealing with .UK domain name disputes.

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION**

Partner, Intellectual Property and Technology Group, Herbert Smith, Solicitors, 1994 – 2012;  
Worldwide Head of Intellectual property, Herbert Smith, Solicitors, 2005 – 2012;  
Prior to qualifying as a solicitor, a number of years' experience in the electronics and computing industries.

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**MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES**

Solicitor (UK, currently non practicing).

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### **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Acting as an independent expert in all areas of disputes in the intellectual property and technology field with particular expertise in relation to the electronics, computing, telecommunications, internet, and information technology industries.

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### **EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

25 years practicing English intellectual property and technology law. Has handled many high value cases in the UK in the Patents Court, Patents County Court, Chancery Division of the High Court, Commercial Court, Data Protection Tribunal and the Court of Appeal. Has also has been extensively involved in proceedings in many other jurisdictions. In addition has wide ranging arbitration and mediation experience.

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### **EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES**

Since acting for the well-known department store, Harrods, in the first Internet domain name case to reach the English courts (back in 1996), where Harrods successfully gained control of the "harrods.com" domain name, has acted as an expert in a large number of cases for both WIPO and Nominet. Chair (2015 onwards) of Nominet's expert review group dealing with expert determinations of disputes in the .UK domain name space.

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### **EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION**

Has handled many high value cases in the UK in the Patents Court, Patents County Court, Chancery Division of the High Court, Commercial Court, Data Protection Tribunal and the Court of Appeal. Has also has been extensively involved in proceedings in many other jurisdictions. In addition has wide ranging arbitration and mediation experience. Amongst the many clients, has acted for are such well-known names as Amstrad, British Gas, BSkyB, the FIA, Harrods, IBM, Intel, the Motion Picture Association, Nokia, and Unilever.

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