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**BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

Catherine SLATER  
Leicestershire  
United Kingdom



Nationality: British

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**EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

LL.B., (Hons) Law Degree, 1998.

Admitted to the Roll of Solicitors (Republic of Ireland), 2018;  
Admitted to the Register of Trade Mark Attorneys (United Kingdom), 2011;  
Admitted to the Roll of Solicitors (England & Wales), 2002;  
Legal Practice Diploma, 2000.

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**LANGUAGES**

English

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**PRESENT POSITION**

Independent Expert, Nominet Dispute Resolution Service, since 2019.

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION**

Partner, Serjeants LLP, 2013 – 2020;  
Senior Associate, Serjeants LLP, 2006 – 2013;  
Solicitor, Nelsons LLP, 2002 – 2006;  
Trainee Solicitor, Ashton Bond Gigg, 2000 – 2002.

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### **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES**

Law Society of England and Wales;  
CITMA (past);  
ECTA (past).

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### **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Intellectual Property:

- trademarks
  - designs
  - copyright
  - passing off
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### **EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

Over 15 years exclusively practicing intellectual property, both contentious and non-contentious, as a solicitor and trademark attorney.

Experienced in global portfolio management of trade marks and designs including: -

- clearance searching;
  - filing and prosecution in the UK, EU and many other jurisdictions around the world;
  - maintenance and renewal of trademark and design registrations;
  - negotiation and drafting of contractual documentation for e.g., assignment, licensing and sponsorship;
  - opposition/revocation/invalidity/cancellation proceedings;
  - representing clients (both in writing and in person) at hearings at the UKIPO and EUIPO;
  - representing clients in proceedings at the Intellectual Property Enterprise Court and High Court;
  - worldwide enforcement of rights including infringement litigation;
  - customs seizures;
  - saisie-contrefaçon;
  - dispute resolution including settlement negotiation, mediation, and arbitration.
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### **EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES**

Since 2019, acting as an Independent Expert for Nominet's Dispute Resolution Service.

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### **EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION**

Initially specialising (as a solicitor) in commercial litigation matters such as contract disputes, director's disqualification proceedings, partnership disputes, director/shareholder disputes, defamation and patent disputes. Subsequently, specialising in intellectual property (and dual qualifying as a trade mark attorney) and dealing with litigation (both court and tribunal/registry) in patents, trade marks, designs and copyright.

Acting in UK-based litigation some 20 years including in the County Courts, Intellectual Property Enterprise Court, the Technology and Construction Court, the High Court (Chancery Division) and the Court of Appeal.

Reported cases include Score Draw Ltd v Mr. Alan Finch [2007] EWHC 462 Ch (registration of a historic Brazilian football team badge) and Student Union Lettings Ltd v Essex Student Lets Ltd [2018] EWHC 419 IPEC (infringement proceedings regarding the SULETS trade mark).

Acting in tribunal proceedings for more than 15 years at the UKIPO and EUIPO. Also involved, as instructing attorney, in court litigation in jurisdictions outside the UK including in India, France and Germany and in tribunal proceedings in many jurisdictions outside the UK.

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#### **EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION**

Part of a team representing a client in ad-hoc UK arbitration proceedings in a construction dispute.

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#### **EXPERIENCE IN MEDIATION**

Representing clients in both contractual and intellectual property matters.

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