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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Gareth DICKSON
Mishcon de Reya LLP
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Nationality: British

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

M.A., (Cantab), Law, University of Cambridge;
Diploma in Legal Practice (LPC), Nottingham Law School;
B.A., Hons, Law, university of Cambridge.

Solicitor of Senior Courts of England and Wales;
Attorney-at-law, New York State.

LANGUAGES

English

PRESENT POSITION

Partner, Mishcon de Reya

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Trainee and Associate at Ashurst and then Cooley, before becoming a Partner in Taylor Vinters, which merged with Mishcon de Reya in 2023, representing clients on resolution of domestic and international IP, software, e-commerce and IT disputes.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Civil Justice Committee, Law Society of England and Wales, Member;
Intellectual Property Committee, Law Society of England and Wales, Member;
Intellectual Property Constituency, ICANN, Member;

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Society for Computers and Law, Member;
American Bar Association, Member.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Commercial Litigation;
Intellectual Property Litigation;
Copyright, trade mark and database disputes;
Digital media, software and Internet-based disputes resolution;
Domain name arbitration, including UDRP, gTLD Legal Rights Objections and Community Objections;
Nominet DRS disputes.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Some 20 years' experience in advising on the resolution and legal merits of intellectual property disputes, particularly those involving the Internet, software and digital media, now including AI. Disputes resolved through litigation, arbitration and mediation involve trade marks, copyright and database rights, as well as jurisdiction and other issues relevant to e-commerce businesses.

Experienced in litigation before courts of first instance and all appellate levels in the UK, as well as in trade mark office proceedings before the UK Intellectual Property Office and OHIM.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Successfully defended three Legal Rights Objections in the first round of New gTLDs.

Successfully defended three Community Objections brought by the "Independent Objector" in the first round of New gTLDs.

Drafted first ever Nominet DRS Complaint to determine whether the registration of domain names combining "replica" with a brand name was abusive.

Represented large multi-national businesses in proceedings in the Intellectual Property Enterprise Court, the High Court and the Court of Appeal for recovery of domain names, both in their own right and as part of larger commercial disputes.

Negotiated settlements of hundreds of domain name disputes via pre-action correspondence.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

The Migration to Mobile: What it means for brand owners. *Online Brand Enforcement Guide 2015*, January 2015;

Now Is The Time For Review. *World Trademark Review*, September 2, 2014;

Trade marks and the Internet. *Westlaw UK Insight*, April 2014 (updated annually);

Courts address the social media-copyright clash. *Managing IP*, February 26, 2014;

Game Over for Excessive TPM?: The Nintendo Ruling. *The Society for Computers and Law*, February 3, 2014;

Social Media and Intellectual Property in Europe. *E-Commerce Law and Policy*, February 25, 2013;

Wintersteiger Puts Internet (Forum) Shopping On Ice. *Bloomberg BNA Patent, Trademark and Copyright Journal*, June 2012;

Second Circuit Plumbs the Depths of the DMCA Safe Harbor. *NYSBA Bright Ideas*, December 2011;

Key Distinctions in the European Approach to Online Jurisdiction and Trademark Disputes. *NYSBA Bright Ideas*, September 2010;

General Court lays down a marker in trademark and design dispute. *World Trademark Review*, 25 May 2010;

Advocate General deconstructs Lego's trademark appeal. *World Trademark Review*, 4 February 2010;

Nominet Dispute Resolution Service Policy and Procedure Amended. *World Trademark Review*, 16 September 2008;

IP Criminal Enforcement Directive moves to next step. *World Trademark Review*, 30 May 2007;

Trademarks Act Clarification Issued by High Court. *World Trademark Review*, 9 March 2007.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Litigate and advise on disputes at all levels of litigation in the UK (the Intellectual Property Enterprise Court, the High Court, the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court), including on interim applications, injunctive relief and issues of witness evidence and disclosure.

EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION

Experience in numerous successful arbitrations over the last 10 years, including defending three Legal Rights Objections filed in first round of New gTLDs and three Community Objections brought by the “Independent Objector” in the first round of New gTLDs.

EXPERIENCE IN MEDIATION

Broad range of commercial and IP disputes resolved or progressed through mediation, including financial services, IT projects, patent disputes and professional negligence and fraud matters.