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TMT TEAM OF THE YEAR

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HOGAN LOVELLS STEPHEN BENNETT

HIGH-PROFILE LIFE SCIENCES PATENT VICTORY

Hogan Lovells has a long track record for success in high-stakes patent litigation, particularly in the life sciences arena. This time it successfully represented pharma giant Lilly in its headline dispute with Actavis – in what was the first time that the UK Supreme Court had dealt with infringement on foreign patents. The dispute centered on Lilly’s patent for the use of a lung cancer drug, Pemetrexed, in combination with vitamin B12.

Bennett’s team defended Lilly against claims for declarations of non-infringement filed by generic drug manufacturer, Actavis, which sought to launch a copy ahead of patent expiry. The firm helped to overturn the previous High Court and Court of Appeal decisions, which now strengthens the protection for patentees in the UK courts and brings it in line with other key jurisdictions in Europe.

HIGHLY COMMENDED GOWLING WLG LUKE KEMPTON

Developing a novel approach to addressing competitors’ pending patents, the firm represented Fujifilm Kyowa Kirin Biologics in shielding an antibody product similar to AbbVie’s Humira drug. The firm chose to protect the product by obtaining declaratory relief for Fujifilm, rather than by attacking a particular patent. In a landmark action, the team created a new legal remedy, clearing the way for the client to launch its own biosimilar product.

COMMENDED CMS CAMERON McKENNA NABARRO OLSWANG CHRIS WATSON

Advising HP on its \$1.05bn acquisition of Samsung’s global printer business, involving the transfer of technology and related assets from local Samsung to local HP entities in 45 jurisdictions. The team used Kira for increased speed and accuracy for large-scale document review, reviewing some 3,000 commercial contracts in 22 languages.

EIP GARY MOSS

Described as the ‘decision of the decade’ in its area, EIP successfully represented Unwired Planet International against Huawei Technologies in the Court of Appeal, achieving a landmark decision on the determination of a worldwide FRAND licence for a standard essential patent portfolio.

HARBOTTLE & LEWIS DAN TOZER

Advising Wasted Talent on the purchase of *Kerrang!* magazine from Bauer Media, with the transaction complicated by Bauer retaining the publication’s radio operations. Harbottle created a structure that split the intellectual property between magazine and TV/radio, while developing a trade mark co-existence agreement.

HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS NICK PANTLIN

Advising TSB, Banco de Sabadell and Sabadell Information Systems on the development of a bespoke digital platform as part of TSB’s separation from Lloyds Banking Group and integration with Sabadell. The firm had to construct a contractual framework that balanced risk, cost and control between all parties.

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