

Joint Disciplinary Panel – Patent Attorney, Trade Mark Attorney, and Lay member vacancies

Location: UK, London and online
Remuneration paid

We are the independent regulatory body for Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys.

The Intellectual Property Regulation Boards (IPReg) was set up in 2010 by the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA) and the Chartered Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys (CITMA) to be the independent regulatory body for the Patent Attorney and Trade Mark Attorney professions.

CIPA and CITMA are Approved Regulators under the Legal Services Act 2007, and in 2010 in order to separate their regulatory functions from their representational functions, as the Act requires them to do, they each set up a Regulation Board (a Patent Attorney Regulation Board and a Trade Mark Attorney Regulation Board) which as far as is possible will act and take decisions together as the Intellectual Property Regulation Board.

IPReg has a Chairman and four Lay Members along with two Patent Attorneys and two Trade Mark Attorneys.

IPReg is responsible for:

- Setting the education and training requirements for qualification as a Patent Attorney and a Trademark Attorney
- Setting the requirements for Continuous Professional Development in order that the knowledge, skills and expertise of Patent Attorneys and Trade Mark Attorneys are maintained at a high level
- Setting and maintaining a Code of Conduct for the professions
- Handling complaints of Professional Misconduct against Patent Attorneys and Trade Mark Attorneys and where appropriate taking disciplinary or other action.

The Joint Disciplinary Panel (“JDP”) comprises a pool of lay and professional members from whose number the Disciplinary Board will be formed. The Disciplinary Board hears complaints alleging breaches of IPReg’s Rules of Conduct and other regulatory arrangements. Allegations may be made against registered attorneys and other regulated persons including registered and licensed bodies and their managers and employees.

IPReg are looking to appoint 3 Patent Attorneys, 3 Trade Mark Attorneys and 5-6 Lay Members to the Joint Disciplinary Panel.

Some of the qualities required for the role of a Disciplinary Board Member

- **Integrity and professionalism** - Act impartially, without bias, to uphold the integrity of IPReg’s disciplinary process
- **Strong analytical skills** - Assimilate information from a variety of sources, both legal and factual, quickly
- **Good decision making** - Form opinions fairly based on evidence and critical thinking
- **Collaborative working style** - Articulate and advance a coherent position
- Candidates must also confirm that they understand the standards of probity required by public appointees outlined in the **Seven Principles of Public Life**

Remuneration: £392 per day based on a 7-hour day. Reimbursement for travel and subsistence costs in line with IPReg’s policy.

Time commitment: circa 6 days a year

Closing date: 9 May 4pm

Interviews: Thewlis Graham Associates will interview candidates w/c 25 May – 1 June by video call. The recruitment panel will interview candidates 4 -7 July by video call.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our microsite: www.thewlisgraham.com/assignment-briefings.

Having read all the application documentation on our website, should you require a confidential telephone conversation prior to your application, please email Thewlis Graham Associates at: applications@thewlisgraham.com