

IPReg Board – 1 Patent Attorney and 1 Lay member vacancies

Location: UK, London and online

Remuneration paid

IPReg is the independent regulatory body for patent and trade mark attorneys.

The Legal Services Act 2007 (LSA) requires those involved in the regulation of legal services to separate the representative activities of their professional bodies from their regulatory functions.

The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA) and the Chartered Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys (CITMA) are the representative bodies of patent attorneys and trade mark attorneys respectively. They are also approved regulators under the LSA. In order to separate their representative functions from their regulatory functions, CIPA and CITMA have delegated their respective regulatory functions to the Patent Attorney Regulation Board (PRB) and the Trade Mark Attorney Regulation Board (TRB); the PRB and the TRB may (and usually do) sit jointly as the IPReg Board.

IPReg regulates 3,386 individual attorneys (of whom around 70% are patent attorneys, 23% are trade mark attorneys and 7% are on both registers). We also regulate around 255 firms.

IPReg is looking to appoint 1 patent attorney and 1 lay member to the Board. These vacancies have arisen because two current members have completed their terms of office and are stepping down.

As an IPReg Board member, your main duties and responsibilities will be to:

- Contribute to the overall strategic direction of IPReg's work;
- Discuss and constructively challenge proposals and policies in an effective manner;
- Review delivery against agreed plans and policies;
- Work closely with other members of the IPReg Board to achieve IPReg's objectives;
- Work and behave in a non-discriminatory way in all aspects of IPReg's activities;
- Act as an advocate for the importance of legal protection for intellectual property and its effective regulation.

Candidates must also demonstrate that they understand the standards of probity required by public appointees outlined in the "Seven Principles of Public Life" set by the Committee on Standards in Public Life.

All Board members are directors of The Intellectual Property Regulation Board Limited.

Remuneration and Time Commitment: £3,920 a year for a commitment of 7 Board meetings, associated preparation and occasional correspondence between meetings. Additional attendance is paid at a rate of £392 a day based on a 7 hour day (pro rata in hourly units for part days) and £180 for attendance at events. Travel and other expenses are also paid.

Board Member Patent Attorney timeline information:

Closing date: 5 September 9am

Interview dates (provisional): Thewlis Graham Associates interviews: w/c 5 September. IPReg interviews: w/c 19 September

Board Member Lay timeline information:

Closing date: 7 September 4pm

Interview dates (provisional): Thewlis Graham Associates interviews: w/c 12 and 19 September. IPReg interviews: w/c 10 October

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