

David Taylor

Partner

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Biography

The challenge of the Internet to brand protection was something that David Taylor recognised early and has been the focus of his pioneering practice for 25 years. His experience and vision has led to his recognition as being at the cutting edge of internet-related branding issues globally.

Originally an engineering graduate in the UK, David went on to study in France and obtained a doctorate in Physics in 1992. His scientific work made him finely attuned to the potential of the Internet that was shortly to be unleashed on the business world. As such he built a Domain Name and Internet Governance practice from scratch within the firm, naming it Anchovy®.

David advises a multitude of international clients seeking to optimize their global domain name strategy dealing with cybersquatters and cybersecurity issues, interlacing portfolio management with worldwide enforcement and Internet Governance yet always looking for the pragmatic solution. He was significantly involved in the ICANN new gTLD process over the 15 years. He was a member of the Implementation Recommendation Team (IRT) set up by ICANN in 2009 to propose and develop solutions to the issue of trademark protection in connection with the introduction of new gTLDs. He was also a member of the ICANN GNSO Council for 3 years, was a special advisor to the INTA (International Trademarks Association) Internet Committee between 2009 and



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Languages

English
French

Practices

Domain Names
Intellectual Property
IT Law
Privacy and Cybersecurity

Industries

Technology and Telecoms

Education and admissions

Education

2012. More recently he was selected to sit on the ICANN Consumer, Competition and Trust Review Team (CCTRT) between 2016 and 2019.

David is a domain name panellist for World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), for UK domain name disputes with Nominet, and an arbitrator for EU and the UDRP with the Czech Arbitration Court enabling him to consider issues from an adjudicator's perspective. David also advises on software, copyright and privacy issues. When not assisting clients with domain name issues David likes to spend time with his family, ski and cycle.

Representative experience

Filing the first every fully electronic UDRP case for a large European Telecoms client with WIPO.

Advising a number of international companies with regards to data protection issues on a pan European basis as well as transfer of data outside France and the European Union.

Drafting and negotiating a series of software licence and development agreements and advising on the same across a number of EU countries.

Providing strategic advice to clients (from the US, Asia and Europe) on their global online strategy, portfolio management, domain name enforcement and applications in ICANN's new gTLD program.

Preparation of Legal Rights, String Confusion and Community Objections as well as defending clients against such Objections.

Providing advice to several banks and other companies on French encryption regulations.

Advising a number of international companies on various matters involving infringement of their brands on the Internet as well as fraudulent activities targeting their brands.

Negotiating the purchase of several high value domain names during the last 3 years amounting to over US\$9m.

The College of Law, York, 1994

Doctorate in Physics, University of Grenoble, 1992

Masters of Engineering in Materials Engineering, University of Birmingham, 1989

Memberships

ICANN (Internet Corporation For Assigned Names And Numbers) - Member Of The Intellectual Property Constituency and GNSO Council

INTA (International Trademark Association)

ECTA (European Communities Trade Mark Association)

Awards and rankings

- Thought Leader - France - Data 2023, *Who's Who Legal*, 2023
- Recommended as a Global Leader in Data Privacy & Protection and Information Technology, *Who's Who Legal*, 2023
- Intellectual Property: Trade marks and Designs, Leading Individual, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2023
- IT and Internet (France), Leading Individuals, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2023
- Innovation, technology & telecoms - / Band 1 - Leading, *Décideurs*, 2023
- Innovation, technology & telecoms - Data protection law / Band 1 - Leading, *Décideurs*, 2023
- Innovation, technology & telecoms - IT, software & digital projects / Band 2 - Excellent, *Décideurs*, 2023
- Intellectual Property: Trade Mark & Copyright, Band 4, *Chambers Global*, 2023
- Intellectual Property (Trade Mark & Copyrights), Band 4, *Chambers Europe*, 2023

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