

Actions speak louder.

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INTRODUCING
The Anti-Counterfeiting Team

ABOUT US

Introducing Foot Anstey

Full service firm

Foot Anstey is a full service law firm focused on providing high quality, pragmatic advice on all aspects of English law. In particular, Foot Anstey is able to assist companies and businesses in the following legal areas: employment; corporate and commercial; property; dispute resolution; and intellectual property.

Recognised nationally in Chambers UK for many specialisms including intellectual property.

We are among the UK's top 100 law firms with seven UK offices, 50 Partners and over 450 employees.

Intellectual property

The intellectual property team at Foot Anstey consists of five partners and seven other solicitors, trainees and paralegals. We deal with all intellectual property matters covering the protection, enforcement and exploitation of intellectual property rights around the world, either directly or through our carefully selected associated firms.

Our clients include from start-ups, small to medium sized businesses and large international companies in a variety of sectors and industries. This experience extends to advising on all intellectual property issues including trade marks, copyright, designs, patents, domain name disputes, passing off, confidential information, licensing, sponsoring, and franchising. The team also consists of individuals with a significant amount of experience in dealing with counterfeit and pirated goods.

Paul Cox, partner, leads the team and has been recognised by the legal directories for many years as a leading individual in the intellectual property field.

KEY AREAS

our expertise

Our key areas of expertise in anti-counterfeiting include:

- Advising clients on developing and implementing effective strategies to tackle the importation and sale of counterfeit goods in the UK and overseas.
- Conducting investigations into the sale of counterfeit goods.
- Filing take down notices with Amazon, eBay and other online trading platforms both manually and electronically.
- Preparing and filing customs notices (known as Applications for Action) to register a brandowner's intellectual property rights with customs in the UK or EU which gives customs the power to detain and seize counterfeit goods.
- Issuing court proceedings against counterfeiters to obtain a search and seizure order and an interim injunction.
- Conducting court proceedings before the Intellectual Property Enterprise Court and High Court.
- Liaising with Trading Standards officers throughout the UK to identify and seize counterfeit goods.
- Drafting s.9 witness statements to support prosecutions brought by Trading Standards.
- Training Trading Standards and Customs officers on how to identify counterfeit products.
- Liaising with other bodies such as Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit and the Medicines and Healthcare Regulatory Agency.
- Obtaining court orders requiring ISPs to block access to websites.
- Conducting private criminal prosecutions.
- Recovering the proceeds of crime.



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Paul heads up the Intellectual Property Practice at Foot Anstey. He has a wide range of experience in dealing with intellectual property matters including conducting intellectual property litigation in the High Court in relation to all intellectual property rights; obtaining search and seizure orders and interim injunctions; and devising and implementing anti-counterfeiting strategies for major brands.

In such matters, Paul has acted for many household names in several sectors including Retail, Food and Drink, Automotive, Technology and Telecoms, and regularly deals with many international issues through our associated offices around the world. Legal 500 states that Paul *"is conscious of client needs"* and *"is able to identify the main issue within the matter at hand"*. He is also regarded as a leading individual within the intellectual property field.



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Neil specialises in contentious IP, anti-piracy and media litigation. Neil is well known and highly regarded for online content protection work for creative industries and has acted for many household names in music, film, TV, sport and luxury brands.

He advises and represents clients in relation to intellectual property matters, including brand protection and online IP enforcement strategies and has been instrumental in several landmark cases, including the first case to establish the right of trade mark owners to obtain court orders requiring ISPs to block access to websites selling counterfeit products online (Cartier International & Ors v BskyB & Ors). Neil also has expertise in the criminal aspects of intellectual property law, anti-piracy and content protection, including working with law enforcement agencies, advising on investigations and conducting private criminal prosecutions on behalf of IP rights holders.



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Chandni has significant experience of assisting clients in enforcing their intellectual property rights in the UK through criminal and civil proceedings. Over the years, she has built up an extensive network of contacts in Trading Standards and Customs and has regularly assisted clients in devising strategies to prevent the importation, sale and distribution of counterfeit goods in the UK.

In addition, Chandni has advised clients on securing appropriate trade mark protection for their brands and designs both in the UK and overseas. Prior to joining Foot Anstey, Chandni undertook several secondments for major retailers including Cath Kidston and Jack Wills.