

## Resume David Taylor



The challenge of the Internet to brand protection was something that David Taylor recognized early and has been the focus of his practice for close to 20 years.

Originally an engineering graduate from Birmingham University in the UK, David went on to study in France where he obtained a doctorate in Physics [REDACTED] and is now a partner in the Intellectual Property, Media and Technology Group of the international law firm Hogan Lovells and is admitted to practice law at the English and Paris Bars.

He specializes in Internet related intellectual property, and in particular the protection of brands online covering trade mark and copyright issues, keywords and domain names. He also advises on data protection and privacy, intermediary liability, encryption regulation and security issues, software licensing and development agreements.

David heads up a specialist International Internet Domain Name Practice at Hogan Lovells covering global strategy, new generic Top Level Domain (new gTLD) advice, centralised registration, recuperation and management of domain name portfolios on a worldwide basis (in over 200 ccTLDs and all gTLDs).

He has significant experience in the domain name industry dating back to 1997. He has advised many clients on numerous launches of TLDs over the last decade, (e.g. .INFO, .BIZ, .EU, .MOBI, .ASIA, and .TEL) including sunrise periods, launch procedures and validation of rights.

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 involved in the ICANN new gTLD process over the last 8 years. David was a member of the Implementation Recommendation Team (IRT) set up by ICANN in March 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 and a special advisor to the INTA (International Trademarks Association) Internet Committee between 2009 and 2012.

He has advised on a multitude of new gTLD applications for a wide range of clients and filed and defended all types of new gTLD objections (Legal Rights, Community, String Confusion) as well as a number of subsequent intricate matters including matters high on the agenda of governments. It is David's expansive knowledge of ICANN and domain names globally that has seen him recognised as one of the leading lawyers globally in this area. Chambers in 2015 described him as *"very well respected and an expert at cutting-edge IP issues. He is very knowledgeable on domain names issues and there are only a handful who can do this kind of work"*

David is also a domain name panelist for World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), a panelist 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 across a number of jurisdictions.

David speaks frequently on Internet related IP at international conferences, chairing the first INTA European Conference on Trademarks and the Internet in December 2011 in Dublin, Ireland. He also writes extensively in prominent international publications. His recent work includes the French chapter in "Domain Name Law and Practice Handbook 2015" published by Oxford University Press and the UK chapter in the publication "Getting the Deal Through : Domains & Domain Names 2014 and 2015"

When not working he likes to enjoy time with his family, ski and cycle.