

## David Taylor

Partner

Paris

### 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 close to 20 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 from Birmingham University in the UK, David went on to study in France where he 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 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



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### Languages

English  
French

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### Practices

Domain Names  
Intellectual Property  
IT Law  
Privacy and Cybersecurity

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### Industries

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### Education and

the ICANN GNSO Council and a special advisor to the INTA (International Trademarks Association) Internet Committee between 2009 and 2012.

David is a domain name panellist for World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), a panellist 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. In addition to domain names David also advises on data protection issues and assists on liability issues related to user generated content and classification as a hosting provider. When not working he likes to enjoy 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.

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

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

Negotiating the purchase of several high value domain names during 2011 amounting to over \$4m.

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.

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

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

Advising a number of international companies on various matters involving infringement of their brands

## admissions

### Education

The College of Law, York, 1994

Doctorate in Physics, University of Grenoble, 1992

Masters of Engineering in Materials Engineering, Birmingham University, 1989

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### 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)

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## Awards and rankings

- Intellectual Property (France), *Chambers Global*, 2018-2019
- Intellectual Property: Trade marks and Designs, Leading Individual, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018-2019
- Industry Focus: IT, Telecoms and the Internet, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018
- Industry Focus: IT, Telecoms and the Internet, Leading Individual, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2019
- "Leading individual" in Trade marks, designs and copyrights, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018
- Band 2: Intellectual Property, *Chambers Europe*, 2018

## Latest thinking and events

- Published Works
  - No UDRP remedy for failure to renew *World Trademark Review*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Analyzing the impact of the EU GDPR on access to WHOIS data, one year on *LimeGreen IP News*
- Published Works
  - Beating head against the wall - UDRP panel finds reverse domain name hijacking of 'deskwall.com' *World Trademark Review*
- Published Works
  - Beware of RDNH: UDRP panel finds that complainant deliberately filed complaint without proper basis *World Trademark Review*
- Published Works
  - UDRP panel finds that respondent had competing legitimate interests - but dissenting panellist disagrees *World Trademark Review*

- Awards and Rankings

- Hogan Lovells Paris has improved its rankings in six categories in The Legal 500 EMEA 2018