

Standing for Ordinary Member of Council: Mr J T Jackson

Tim Jackson

Qualifications:

Chartered Patent Attorney; European Patent Attorney, B.Sc. (Physics) Bristol.

Professional career:

I started in the Bristol office of Mewburn Ellis in 1975 as a trainee, working also in their London office and qualifying in 1979. At Mewburn Ellis, I advised varied clients from local start-ups and established businesses through to overseas multinationals, until 1983 when I left to move in-house at Rolls-Royce plc. There I became involved with Renishaw plc, a measurement technology company originally set up to exploit a patented invention developed at Rolls-Royce.

I joined Renishaw's patent department in 1986 and remained until 2009. Rising to become Renishaw's Chief Patent Attorney, I developed the company's patent portfolio to provide competitive advantage, managed litigation in a number of countries and advised the Board on its world-wide patent strategy. Since 2009 I have acted as an independent consultant for Renishaw and for a number of other clients.

Services to the Institute:

I have been a Council member since 2010 and a member of CIPA's Patents Committee since 2006. I also represent the Institute on the EPO's newly-formed SACEPO E-Patents Process sub-committee, which advises the EPO on business aspects as it develops its technical interactions with users.

Recently I accepted the position of Chair of the Patents Committee. Through that Committee over the years, I have provided input to numerous position papers and responses to official consultations. I believe this is an important way in which CIPA exerts influence to benefit its members and their clients, enhancing the status of the profession, and I look forward to continuing this work.

My recent contributions include drafting the Institute's *amicus* brief to the EPO Enlarged Board in case G 1/15 (poisonous priorities), and a response to a USPTO consultation "Enhancing Patent Quality". I was one of several contributors to a letter submitted to the EPO President on reform of the Boards of Appeal, also published on IPKat, and a subsequent consultation response. I have proposed "A smart solution to eDrex OCR problems" published in the CIPA Journal and **epi** Information.

Attendance at Council meetings (June 2015 – April 2016):

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