

# Press Release

## Marks and Clerk strengthens its Cheltenham office with two new appointments

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Marks & Clerk, one of the UK's leading firms of patent and trade mark attorneys, has strengthened its Cheltenham office with the appointment of two new professional staff.

Kate Lees and Mike Brewer join the Cheltenham office having previously worked at other offices in the Marks & Clerk Group.

Kate Lees is a patent attorney and partner in the firm who specialises in the fields of biochemistry and medical devices. She has over 13 years' experience and has helped a number of UK universities and UK and overseas corporations to secure patent protection for their products and services. Kate also has experience in obtaining registered trade marks and designs on behalf of her clients.

Mike Brewer is also a patent attorney and partner in the firm; he has over 10 years' experience in the profession and specialises in electronics, telecommunications and information technology. Mike has a variety of clients, ranging from start-up companies, through to SMEs and multi-national corporations.

The two new appointments bring the total number of attorneys in Marks and Clerk's Cheltenham office to six.

Peter Hillier, managing partner of the Cheltenham office, commented: "I am delighted that the office is developing and expanding. The appointments of Kate and Mike demonstrate our commitment to provide a high quality service to our clients in Cheltenham and the surrounding area. With this team in place, I am confident we can also offer our services to new clients seeking to protect their valuable intellectual property."

Marks & Clerk's Cheltenham office was the office of Arthur R. Davies (established in 1944) until that firm joined the Marks & Clerk Group and was renamed A R Davies & Co in 1983. In 2002, A R Davies & Co

was fully integrated into the Marks and Clerk business and took on the Marks and Clerk name. Current clients of the office include Corin, the University of Exeter, Goodrich, and Schlumberger Oilfield.

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*Photography available on request.*

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**About Marks & Clerk**

Marks & Clerk is one of the UK's leading firms of patent and trade mark attorneys. The firm's highly qualified attorneys advise clients in all sectors on acquiring, securing and registering intellectual property (IP) rights and managing IP portfolios. Marks & Clerk has notable experience and expertise in both traditional as well as cutting edge technologies such as biotechnology, chemical, pharmaceutical, nanotechnology, medical devices, IT/software, electronics, mechanical and engineering.

With a network of 19 offices across the UK (12 locations, including Cheltenham), Europe, North America and the Far East and long-established relationships with other leading IP firms worldwide, the firm is able to meet clients' IP requirements on a local and global basis. Marks & Clerk merged with Lloyd Wise in November 2007, extending its international presence, particularly in the Far East.

Marks & Clerk has been consistently ranked a top tier firm in the UK for both patents and trade marks in the Managing Intellectual Property Annual Worldwide Survey, Legal 500 and Chambers Legal directories.

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