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EIP expertise recognised by IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals

The 2019 edition of IAM Patent 1000 has been published, with improved rankings for the firm and excellent client and market feedback.

Eleven partners from EIP's UK and German offices have been recognised among the world's leading patent practitioners.

Editorial lists the firm as having an exceptional UK reputation and notes that the market is impressed at the remarkable quality of its all-around offering. One client enthuses: "Maybe the most impressive aspect of EIP's work is its ethos and ability to just get things done – the ability to press on without hand-holding, even based on sometimes-imperfect instructions, is a key reason we'd recommend the firm."

The firm's UK patent litigation team has risen from bronze to silver with several partners attracting positive commentary. **Robert Lundie Smith** is referred to as "easy to work with and very analytical" and described as "charming, intelligent and massively hardworking...". **Gary Moss** is described as a FRAND genius and "an excellent strategist," who possesses an "elite understanding of telecoms patent litigation"; while **Matthew Jones** is recognised as having a perceptive understanding of life sciences litigation strategy which is informed by deep industry knowledge; and **Kathleen Fox Murphy** is acknowledged as having over 17 years of complex litigation experience and brings considerable technical versatility to the table.

The firm's UK patent prosecution team is listed as recommended with specific mentions for the "commendable" **Darren Smyth**; **Jerome Spaargaren** who is renowned for his

outstanding telecoms and medical technology insight; **Laurence Brown** noted as qualifying as a patent attorney with the highest mark in his year; **Matt Lawman** who has an acute appreciation of what industry professionals need to hear due to time spent in-house at BT and Hewlett Packard; and **Heather McCann** dubbed as an oracle when it comes to European filing strategy.

The firm's German patent infringement team is ranked in the bronze category and known as a boutique that punches above its weight internationally, leveraging its expertise and connections to put together a seamless offering. **Christof Höhne is noted as** the name to dial for well-measured multi-jurisdictional counsel; while **Michael Munsch's** involvement in high-profile litigation battles also marks him out as a stand-out practitioner on the German scene.

IAM Patent 1000 has been compiled following an extensive research process which included in the region of 1,800 interviews with numerous attorneys at law, patent attorneys and in-house counsel to gather market intelligence on the leading players in the field.