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Rachel's role involves IP knowledge, risk management, thought leadership and client training.

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BACKGROUND

Having completed degrees in both pre-clinical medicine and law, Rachel trained with us and qualified as a solicitor into our intellectual property group. After working on trade mark, design right and copyright disputes ranging from toy designs to the branding of ice cream toppings, and on patent litigation (in particular, in the area of biotechnology) she moved from client work into the knowledge arena becoming a Professional Support Lawyer (PSL) and was promoted to Professional Support Consultant in 2011.

KEY SERVICES

[Intellectual Property](#)

EXPERIENCE

Rachel is the professional support consultant to the Intellectual Property group. With a background in helping clients on matters across the full range of IP rights (including trade mark/branding, design right and copyright disputes and patent litigation, in particular, in the area of biotechnology), Rachel now coordinates the firm's IP knowledge management. She also leads on risk management of IP issues in the firm and for clients, and provides support to our clients through dedicated advice lines, together with client training and briefings.

Rachel plays an active role in IP thought leadership and regularly has articles published in the major IP and legal journals, including PLC Magazine and Managing Intellectual Property. In 2012 she edited the Olympics section in the new Sports law volume of Halsbury's Laws of England. She is also a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Intellectual Property Law and Practice (OUP).

Rachel is responsible for the publication of articles by other members of the London IP group and is the main point of contact for publishers and editors interested in commissioning IP-related articles from us. She also organises the Herbert Smith Freehills' annual Intellectual Property Update conference, held

every January, to update clients and selected contacts on IP developments. If you would like to attend this year's event, please contact her directly. Details of the programme will be released to interested clients and contacts later this year.