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Over the last nearly 20 years, Gareth has resolved a broad range of contentious IP matters in a variety of fora. Most recently, he has enforced a patent in relation to intense pulse light lamps in the English Patents Court (judgment for our client on infringement and validity handed down in July 2023), litigated and settled a software patent and confidential information battle in the High Court on behalf of a leading quantum computing business, struck-out a copyright and database claim in the IPEC on behalf of a design agency, protected a leading chain of coffee and tea products against claims of copyright infringement in a High Court action concerning a "design classic" cafetiere, and won several disputes concerning trade marks, design rights and domain names. His IP disputes expertise includes various arbitration processes, usually seated in England, and he has experience acting for claimants as well as defendants.

Gareth prides himself on the strong working relationships he develops with his clients and in understanding their businesses in order to deliver useful and pragmatic results. As a result of clients' positive feedback, he is ranked in Chambers 2023 as "an excellent lawyer, direct and straight to the point … efficient and a pleasure to work with", and in Legal 500 2024 as a litigator who works "meticulously and efficiently". He is also ranked as a Leading Individual in Legal 500 2023 both in Commercial Litigation and in Intellectual Property, in part for giving "clear cut advice" and delivering "efficient actions". WTR1000 2024 described him as "a contentious ace who executes litigation strategies with finesse."

Gareth is also highly regarded in international and online dispute resolution, described as a “leading light” [Legal 500, 2018] and a “tech-savvy litigator” who “really understands the needs of innovative and entrepreneurial clients” [Legal 500, 2020]. He was admitted to the New York Bar in 2010. appointed to the World Intellectual Property Organization panel of UDRP Domain Name Experts in 2014 and has addressed expert audiences at both the EU-IPO Case Law Conference and its Academy on the resolution of trade mark disputes.

Gareth is a member of the Law Society’s Intellectual Property Law Committee and two-term member of its Civil Justice Committee. Following a two-year term on the INTA Internet Committee he has recently been appointed to the INTA ADR Committee. He enjoys working with innovative clients and sharing their passion for problem solving.