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Annsley loves intellectual property litigation, the Fordham IP Conference and New York.

She has spent almost 15 years litigating complex cross-border patent, SPC, FRAND/SEP and trade secrets cases for some of the world's leading innovative technology companies, particularly at the interface of competition, contract and regulatory law. Her experience has ranged from wireless technology, radiotherapy/MRI, and algorithmic trading to TNF-inhibitors, respiratory products, and molecular diagnostics.

Annsley is known as an energetic and creative litigator and as someone who can identify game-changing opportunities in national procedural and substantive law. She has acted before every level of the Courts of England and Wales. and the Court of Justice of the European Union, and has coordinated litigation strategy in more than 25 countries.

In 2024, she was listed as one of Managing IP's Top 50 Most Influential People in IP. Client quotes in Chambers UK 2024 and The Legal 500 2024 refer to Ms. Ward as "excellent," "a font of law/FRAND knowledge and fresh ideas" and "totally committed to client service, flexible and hugely impressive in her ability to find ways to balance the client's wider business concerns with the requirements of a particular case."

For 15 years, Annsley has served the global IP community through her writing as a permanent member of the award-winning IPKat blog team, her work as Chair of the Trade Secrets Committees of AIPPI and as a Council Member of the AIPPI UK. She brings her passion for advancing and supporting women in law, technology and policy to her roles in ChIPs Network, in particular as the Co-Chair of the London Chapter and as the Co-Chair for Europe.