

Ari Laakkonen, Partner, has a huge breadth of experience in the IT, electronics and telecoms sector derived from his in-depth technical knowledge from experience as both in-house and external legal counsel.



Ari specialises in electronics patent litigation and IT disputes as well as advising on general IP matters including trade marks, designs and copyright and providing general strategic advice.

He has a broad range of experience as both in-house and outside counsel, having been Director, IPR Legal, at Nokia where his responsibilities included managing Nokia's IP litigation in Europe including multi-jurisdictional disputes.

Ari is a Council member of AIPPI, UK and has published widely on all aspects of IP law. He is also a Member of the British Computer Society and is a Chartered Engineer.

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Qualifications

1997 Solicitor

Education

BSc (Computer Science) King's College, London

PhD (Computer Science), Imperial College, London

LLM, Bristol University

Diploma in Intellectual Property Law and Practice
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Cases include:

- InterDigital v Nokia (patents)
- Qualcomm v Nokia (patents)
- Philips v Sagem (patents)
- Philips v Sendo (patents)
- Niembro v Nokia (copyright)
- Stikker v Nokia (confidentiality)
- Nokia v T-Hansen (Design rights/utility models)
- Bourns v Raychem (patents)
- BA v Alstom (IT dispute)
- GE v Enercon (patents)
- Kaneka v Eagle Technical Fabrics (trade marks)

Ari Laakkonen is an experienced litigator with particular expertise in patents. He also advises on soft IP matters.

Chambers 2011

"Impressive".

Chambers 2010

Ari Laakkonen brings "great knowledge of the telecommunications industry".
Legal 500 2009

Ari Laakkonen is already making waves in the market. He was formerly head of the European Patent Litigation group at Nokia and "knows telecoms like the back of his hand"

Chambers & Partners 2009

