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Qualifications

1997 Solicitor

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Education

BSc (Computer Science) King's College, London

PhD (Computer Science), Imperial College, London

LLM, Bristol University

Diploma in Intellectual Property Law and Practice Bristol University

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 and Asia including complex multi-jurisdictional disputes and arbitrations.

Having been involved in many of the telecoms cases in the UK and Europe in the last decade involving the licensing and litigation of standards-essential patents, Ari has unparalleled experience in this area of law, which frequently involves overlapping areas of patent, competition and contract law.

Ari is an Assistant to the Reporter General of AIPPI and has published widely on all aspects of IP law. He has a PhD in Computer Science, is a Member of AIPLA and the British Computer Society. In the past year he has led high-profile cases such as Vringo v ZTE, Rovi v Virgin Media & TiVo, TCT v Ericsson and Sony v SSH amongst others.