Our dedicated team is focused on protecting one of our clients’ most valuable assets – intellectual property (IP). We understand that IP protection is an essential part of modern day business development and a new form of capital maintenance, which we pride ourselves on achieving for our clients.

We have an extensive practice in both contentious and non-contentious IP issues and we advise on all aspects of IP infringement including copyright, patent and trade mark infringement, passing off and trade secrets.

We are experienced in working across jurisdictions for Irish and multinational clients in a range of industry sectors such as pharmaceutical, retail, technology, financial services, entertainment, tourism, not-for-profit and biotechnology.

We work hard to understand the unique requirements of each sector to ensure that we can provide the maximum value and benefit for our clients. Our team also works closely with emerging companies and leading universities to ensure that they can capitalise on and maximise their IP.
Contentious IP

Key areas of our work include the protection, enforcement and exploitation of online and offline IP and information security. We advise on all aspects of IP infringement with a particular focus on patent, copyright, trade mark and passing off matters. We have been involved in some of the most high profile IP litigation cases in recent years in the Irish Commercial Court and the Supreme Court, including many of the most recent preliminary injunction applications.

Ireland’s excellent legislative IP framework has led many global companies to centralise their IP management in Ireland. Our Commercial Court has an international reputation for dealing with cases efficiently by exercising its powers to set clear deadlines and conduct active case management. This, coupled with a skilled workforce and a pro-business environment, makes Ireland an ideal location for IP management.

Our Services

- Contentious and non-contentious IP issues
- Transactional IP
- IP strategies, protection and enforcement
- Exploitation of IP (licencing, assignment, franchising and distribution)
- Research and development contracts
- Technology transfer
- IP infringement
- Anti-counterfeiting

What others say about us...

Intellectual Property

“The team gets to understand the business and its objectives and makes sure that legal work is aligned with them. It...gives very practical and pragmatic advice.”

Chambers & Partners Europe, 2014

Intellectual Property

‘gives practical and focused advice.’

Legal 500, 2014

For further information, please contact:

Richard Woulfe
Partner, Head of IP Department
+353 1 614 5070
rwoulfe@mhc.ie

Peter Bolger
Partner, Commercial
+353 1 614 5290
pbolger@mhc.ie

Jeanne Kelly
Partner, Commercial
+353 1 614 5088
jkelly@mhc.ie

Gerard Kelly
Partner, IP Litigation
+353 1 614 5093
gkelly@mhc.ie

MHC.ie