

David Nickless

Legal Director

I am a Legal Director in Fox Williams' Intellectual Property team where I advise across the full spectrum of IP rights on both contentious and commercial matters. I have particular experience and expertise in complex, cross-border IP litigation, especially in relation to copyright and patent disputes.



David has more than 15 years of experience advising clients across the full range of intellectual property rights, including patents, copyrights, designs, and trademarks, and multiple sectors, including media, technology, fashion, and pharmaceuticals. David is particularly well-regarded for his work managing complex IP litigation and has taken cases to the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal in the UK, as well as the European Court of Justice.

Clients praise David's no-nonsense, straight-talking approach, his ability to distil complex legal issues into simple, actionable commercial advice, and his intellectual rigour.

Before joining Fox Williams, David spent 6 years as a Senior Lawyer at the BBC and has expertise in copyright law and the media sector. David has a Postgraduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Law and a Masters Degree from Oxford University.

Legal Expertise

- Confidential information
- Copyright
- Designs
- Intellectual Property
- Media law
- Passing off
- Patents
- Technology law
- Trade marks

Experience

- Taking multiple patent litigation actions through the UK courts, including to the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal
- Successfully obtaining EU trade mark rights for a guitar manufacturer enabling it to protect the shapes of its guitars
- Taking a case on the interpretation of copyright law to the European Court of Justice which led to a victory in parallel UK court proceedings
- Advising a publisher on commercial exploitation of its well-known children's book series
- Successfully defeating an urgent injunction application to enable the broadcast of a major television program
- Advising the world's largest fast fashion retailer on copyright infringement by a competitor