

A CAREER AS A PATENT ATTORNEY

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"I joined J A Kemp after completing my PhD. Right from the outset I was involved in obtaining patents for a variety of clients. This meant dealing with different technologies every day."

Wilma Shi

University of Cambridge, MA in Natural Sciences and PhD in Pharmacology



What does it offer?

This career path offers variety, reward and intellectual challenge. As a Patent Attorney you will combine an understanding of science and technology with legal expertise. Everything that you do will be grounded in the business world rather than academia. You will tackle real commercial issues, helping to protect intellectual property (IP) assets and grow businesses.

Throughout your academic career you are likely to have conducted research and experimental work. If you wish to continue in the same vein, a career in academia may be right for you. If, on the other hand, you wish to move into a more commercial environment, becoming a Patent Attorney may be an attractive option away from the lab bench.

How do I join the profession and what are the career prospects?

There are two ways to become a Patent Attorney. The first option is to train in a large technology-driven business, progressing to an in-house role in its IP department. The second option is the one that most graduates pursue. You join a firm such as J A Kemp that provides IP services to its clients.

At J A Kemp you will be encouraged to develop expertise in patents and the application of patent law across a range of technologies. You will also gain the client management skills required to address the differing needs of clients large and small. J A Kemp is owned by its partners and you may progress in due course to become a part-owner of the business with a significant say in its future development.

What qualifications do I need?

Your background can be in any field of science or technology. To join J A Kemp you must have an excellent academic record, including a minimum of 360 UCAS points and at least a 2.1 honours degree from a leading university. We also welcome applications from candidates who have completed, or are about to complete, a masters degree or PhD.

What else do you look for?

We look for excellent spoken and written English, an enquiring and analytical mind, an eye for detail, high levels of motivation and drive, team player qualities and listening skills. We value leadership, people management skills and an ability to motivate others. We recruit each Trainee Patent Attorney in the hope that they will progress through the firm.

Why choose J A Kemp?

J A Kemp is one of a handful of UK firms with the expertise to handle patent work in all technology areas. The firm acts for clients in all industry sectors and located throughout the world. We are renowned for our first-class training programme based on personal mentoring and a combination of internal and external courses. Our record of first time examination passes is second to none. We offer a sensible work-life balance combined with excellent salary prospects, flexible working and generous benefits. We have a supportive, open and friendly culture, with plenty of social events!

Where do I go from here?

If you would like to be considered for a Trainee Patent Attorney position at J A Kemp in London or Oxford, **visit the careers section of our website for instructions on how to apply.** We welcome applications from outstanding candidates at any time of the year.

"The work here is definitely challenging, but the support and training I received helped me to adapt to life as a patent attorney very quickly."

Tim Headley
University of Cambridge,
MA in Natural Sciences

Carsten Reinhard
University of Bristol, Bachelor of Science in Biology
University of Cambridge, PhD in Plant Genetics

"One refreshing thing about a career as a patent attorney is that your day-to-day work is genuinely interesting. J A Kemp has many clients who are leaders in their fields. You get exposure to a broad spectrum of technologies."

"There is a great work life balance which is partly due to the flexible working hours. People aren't generally working late in the office or getting in at the crack of dawn."

Eurion Leonard-Pugh
Imperial College London, MSci in Physics
University of Oxford, DPhil in Planetary Physics