

The Patent Regulation Board and the Trade Mark Regulation Board

Appointment of Three Professional Members

About The Patent Regulation Board and the Trade Mark Regulation Board

- The Legal Services Act 2007 requires those involved in the provision of legal services to separate the representational activities of their professional bodies from the regulatory functions.
- The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA) and the Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys (ITMA) have each set up separate regulation boards but the boards work together as The Intellectual Property Regulation Board (IPReg) which started operating on 1st January 2010.
- The Patent Regulation Board and the Trade Mark Regulation Board are responsible for all regulatory functions relating to the two professions, including qualification into the profession, professional standards and conduct and disciplinary matters.
- Each Board has three professional members who retire by rotation. The current retiring members are not seeking re-selection.
- We are looking to appoint a registered Patent Attorney to serve on the Patent Regulation Board and two registered Trade Mark Attorneys to serve on the Trade Mark Regulation Board.
- The appointment is for 3 years from March 2012 for the Patent Regulation Board. For the Trade Mark Regulation Board, one appointment will be for 3 years and one for 4 years, to achieve rotation. These arrangements will be agreed with the successful candidates.

The Candidate – Specific

Candidates for the Patent Regulation Board must be registered on the Patent Register and candidates for the Trade Mark Regulation Board must be registered on the Trade Mark Register.

Please note that anyone who has served on the Council of CIPA or of ITMA in the last 12 months is not eligible to apply.

The Candidate – General

Candidates will also need to demonstrate a sound achievement at a senior level with the ability to contribute effectively to the strategic direction of IPReg together with the ability to understand its priorities and to command the confidence and support of the professions. The ability to analyse problems and issues, put forward practical and cost effective solutions and the ability to build relationships and work effectively as part of a team are also essential.

They must also have excellent communication and interpersonal skills; the ability to influence others; intellectual flexibility; sound judgment; accountability for their own actions and the ability to hold others to account.

Remuneration, Time Commitment and Location

It is expected that the time commitment will be approximately 10 days a year (with 6 main board meetings) although board members may find the work load is greater during the period when IPReg is pursuing its licensing application to regulate alternative business structures.

Members will receive remuneration of £3,200 pa plus £320 per day for each additional day. Travel and other expenses are reimbursed.

The offices are at Outer Temple, 222-225 Strand, London WC2R 1BA.

How to Apply

If you think you have the qualities required and wish to apply please e mail for an information pack to the IPReg Chief Executive

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The closing date for returning applications is 31st January 2012.

Interviews will take place in London on 23rd February 2012 (Trade Mark) and 1st March 2012 (Patent).