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Education

- 1984 – 87 - London School of Economics, University of London, UK
- 1987 – 89 - CPE, Law Society Finals, City of London Polytechnic
- 1991 - Qualified England and Wales
- 1993 - Qualified Hong Kong

Career

- 1989 – 97 - Simmons & Simmons, London and Hong Kong
- 1997 – 99 - Denton Hall
- 1999 – present - Bird & Bird

Area of Expertise

Matthew has worked in Asia for over 25 years, 20 of which has been with Bird & Bird. He heads the Intellectual Property practice of Bird & Bird in AsiaPac. His practice covers contentious and non-contentious intellectual property and he has extensive experience across the AsiaPac region.

Matthew advises clients across a range of sectors including electronics, pharma, communications, IT, media and food & beverage. Working on major IP litigation, he manages complex, multi-jurisdictional disputes, working closely with the network of partner firms. He also develops case strategies across the different legal and regulatory environments in AsiaPac. He has represented some of the world's leading companies in life sciences and electronics.

Matthew's life sciences experience includes contentious matters such as patent, trade mark and unfair competition litigation and commercial life sciences work such as clinical trials agreements, joint promotion and joint marketing agreements, collaboration and development agreements.

In the tech & comms sector, Matthew developed significant expertise in standards issues and involved in some of the leading cases relating to standard essential patents.

Matthew's reputation and track record can be found in the major legal directories including Chambers Asia-Pacific, Legal 500 Asia-Pacific, Asialaw, Asia IP Profiles, IAM Patent 1000, IAM Life Sciences 250, and The International Who's Who Legal directories for Patent Lawyers, Life Sciences Lawyers and Trademarks Lawyers.

Language

English (native)