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## Partner

Andrew's patent practice is principally in the pharmaceutical and chemical fields. Andrew has extensive experience in securing patent protection for pharmaceuticals and specialises in drafting and prosecuting patent applications covering new chemical entities, salts, polymorphs, formulations (including advanced drug delivery technologies), manufacturing processes, medical uses, and medical devices. Outside of the pharmaceutical field, Andrew's practice encompasses polymer chemistry, petroleum additives, catalytic compositions, separation chemistry and biosensors. Andrew acts for a diverse range of clients, including international corporations, universities, start-up companies and associate patent attorney firms based outside of the UK.

Andrew has a first class Bachelor of Pharmacy degree and a PhD in the development and evaluation of biodegradable carriers for nucleic acid vaccines, both from the University of Nottingham.

He commenced his patent career in private practice before joining the in-house patent department of a major multinational pharmaceutical company in June 2004. As an in-house attorney, Andrew was responsible for the patent portfolios relating to a number of high priority drug development projects, as well as conducting due diligence evaluations to support in-licensing activities. Andrew returned to private practice in November 2008 when he joined the Manchester office of HGF as a partner.

Andrew draws on both his private practice and in-house experience to provide commercially-focused advice to his clients in relation to all patent matters, including patent portfolio management, enforcing patent rights, challenging third party patent rights, providing infringement and validity opinions, and conducting due diligence evaluations to support licensing and acquisition deals. Andrew also has considerable experience in representing clients in opposition and appeal proceedings at the European Patent Office.