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#### Senior Associate

Lee is a Senior Associate in Harrison Goddard Foote's specialist trade mark team. Lee graduated in 1993 with an Economics degree from The University of Warwick. Lee became a fully qualified trade mark attorney in 1996 having won the 'John Parker Memorial Award' in 1995 for the highest mark in the foundation UK Trade Mark Practice paper.

Lee has over 16 years' experience of trade mark and design protection both in the UK and overseas. Lee advises on all aspects of design and trade mark protection from searching, filing and prosecution through to drafting and negotiating licences and assignments in the UK and across the globe. Lee has advised and managed the trade mark portfolios of some of the leading brands in the United Kingdom and across the globe and has experience of working for clients across a broad range of sectors, such as leading retailers, food distributors and manufacturers, banks, insurers and fashion houses.

Lee has undertaken and managed worldwide trade mark clearance and filing programmes on numerous occasions.

Lee also has extensive experience of the enforcement and preservation of design and trade mark rights, including the conduct of hearings before the Trade Marks Registry and appeals to the Appointed Person, enforcement of trade mark rights through trading standards provisions and online. Lee prosecuted some of the first non-use revocation actions before the Community Trade Mark Office and has been successful in appeals to the Board of Appeal.

Lee also has extensive experience of filing and prosecuting trade mark applications, oppositions, revocation and invalidity actions before the Community Trade Marks Office, World Intellectual Property Organisation and across the globe. He has also had articles published in leading Trade Mark Law Journals, such as *Managing Intellectual Property*, *Trademark World*, *ITMA Review* and the *Marques Newsletter*.

He has also commented on intellectual property matters for national newspapers such as *The Sunday Times*, *The Times* and *Daily Mail*, for leading regional newspapers such as *The Yorkshire Post* and also for trade journals such as *Retail Week*, *Drapers* and *Admap*.

Lee joined Harrison Goddard Foote in November 2009.