

IP careers at a glance

ENTRY LEVELS

SCHOOL LEAVERS

IP ADMINISTRATOR

LICENSING EXECUTIVE

PARALEGAL ASSISTANT

IP LEGAL SECRETARY

PATENT OFFICE FORMALITIES EXAMINER (UK)

IP CAREERS

ANY DEGREE

TECHNICAL TRANSLATOR
LANGUAGE SKILLS REQUIRED

TRADE MARK ATTORNEY

IP JOURNALIST

TRADE MARK EXAMINER (UK)

SENIOR OR MANAGEMENT ROLES

LAW DEGREE OR CONVERSION COURSE

IP SOLICITOR

IP BARRISTER

DEGREE IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, OR MATHS

PATENT EXAMINER (EUROPE)
LANGUAGE SKILLS REQUIRED

PATENT SEARCHER / ANALYST

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER OFFICER

PATENT EXAMINER (UK)

PATENT ATTORNEY

ADVANCED ROLES

IP POLICY WORK

IP HEARING OFFICER

IP JUDGE

A FEW WEIRD AND WONDERFUL PATENTS

1875: Narcisse Hurst of France patented the 'cynophere' – a sort of tricycle powered by dogs on treadmills.

1883: A. Ashwell of South London patented the Vacant/Engaged sign for public lavatories.

1906: The Wright brothers are granted a patent for their 'Flying-Machine'.

1994: The musical fly swatter. It plays two tunes, one when turned on and the other when it hits a fly.

2002: A collar and lead so that owners could take their pet snakes for a walk (or, more accurately, a slither).

2003: The beerbrella – a small umbrella to shield a glass of beer from the sun – gets a patent in the US.