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Biography

Nicole is a Partner and Co-Founder of Abion's UAE Office and has over 15 years experience in the protection, enforcement and commercialisation of intellectual property rights.

Nicole started her IP journey in the UK, where she qualified as a UK Chartered Trade Mark Attorney before moving to the Middle East in 2014. She advises local, international and government clients on trade mark, copyright and design matters across the GCC, with a particular focus on the UAE and Saudi Arabia. Having spent time in both the UAE and Saudi Arabia, she has extensive knowledge and experience in dealing with the local intellectual property authorities, including the Ministry of Economy in the UAE and the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP).

While her practice is primarily focused on trade mark matters, she has considerable experience in the protection of industrial designs, regularly advising clients on protecting the shape and appearance of their products. Her clients in this sector include a global after-market wheel manufacturer and a leading retailer of bodycare and fragrance products.

Aside from her day to day legal practice, Nicole sits on the Board of the UAE National Group for AIPPI and actively participates in a number of local initiatives to promote the awareness of intellectual property rights. She is also an member of INTA's Trademark Offices Practice Committee, and actively contributes to the Middle East Sub Committee, including liaising with authorities in relation to changes in practice and other developments.

Education

- UK Chartered Trade Mark Attorney (Chartered Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys)
- LLB (Honours) - Law - University of Strathclyde, Glasgow Post Graduate Certificate in Trade Mark Law & Practice - Queen Mary University of London
- Professional Certificate in Trade Mark Practice - Nottingham Trent University
- UK Intellectual Property Litigation Certificate

Awards

- Legal 500 Award - IP Rising Star of the Year for Middle East & North Africa - 2024
- Legal 500 - IP Next Generation Partner
- Up and Coming Intellectual Property Lawyer - Chambers & Partners
- Silver Ranking - WTR 1000
- Rising Star - IP Stars from Managing IP

Expertise

Services

- Trade mark prosecution and enforcement
- Design prosecution and enforcement
- Patent prosecution (PCT national phase and direct national applications in the GCC)
- Domain name disputes
- Madrid Protocol / International Trade Marks
- Social Media Takedowns
- Non traditional trade marks

Industry Experience

- Hospitality / F&B
- Real Estate

- Sports & Entertainment
- Fashion & Luxury Goods
- Fintech
- Travel & Tourism
- Automotive / Aerospace
- Energy
- Manufacturing
- Cosmetics

Behind the Scenes

Interest

Live music, snowboarding, F1, travel and all things nature. Cats.

I root for

Scotland. Verstappen/ Red Bull.

Languages I speak

- English

My superpowers

Super organised. I make a really good cup of tea.

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