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Alan Bates's background is in Metallurgy and Materials Engineering and much of his current work involves aspects of materials science.

Alan joined Reddie & Grose in 2002 and became a partner in 2011. Alan handles work in a wide range of subject areas. He has been involved with inventions ranging from better wasp traps and more user-friendly monitoring devices, to smaller combinatorial chemistry substrates and more efficient electrochemical processes.

Alan's background is in Metallurgy and Materials Engineering. He has a doctorate for research relating to electron-beam welded pipelines and has completed periods of industrial experience with companies involved in metallic coatings and welding technology.

Much of Alan's current work involves aspects of materials science, and he deals with clients involved in technologies such as metal extraction, medical equipment and implants, and semiconductor devices. Alan also handles work from wider engineering fields such as mechanical devices and radar technology, and has considerable experience of drafting and prosecuting patent applications relating to electronic cigarettes.

Alan advises on all aspects of procuring patent rights, from initial meetings with inventors, through drafting, filing, and prosecuting patent applications, to managing international portfolios of patents and patent applications. He represents clients, where necessary, in oral proceedings before the European Patent Office.

Alan also advises on issues related to freedom to operate, validity of patent rights, patentability of inventions, and infringement of patent rights.



Alan handles registered designs in fields such as medical devices.

Qualifications

- Chartered Patent Attorney (2007)
- European Patent Attorney (2006)
- PhD, “Development of microstructure in electron beam welded ferritic steels”, Cambridge University
- MEng, Materials Engineering, University of Birmingham

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