

GORDON DONALD & JAMES LOVE BIOGRAPHIES



GORDON DONALD, Former Managing Director at Geofabrics Ltd (Keynote)

After over 30 years of leading technical manufacturing businesses across the UK, Europe, USA and Asia, Gordon Donald has recently retired as Managing Director of Geofabrics, a Leeds based manufacturer renowned for innovative class leading technical textiles used in heavy construction sectors.

Gordon has extensive experience in the creation and implementation of Intellectual Property strategies particularly in Patents and Licensing.

In 2022, Gordon led Geofabrics to a successful prosecution of a Patent breach by a member of a US owned group of companies. This case was resolved in the High Court and resulted in the award of record damages.



JAMES LOVE, Partner at Womble Bond Dickinson (Moderator)

James is a partner in the law firm Womble Bond Dickinson, with offices across the UK and USA. He heads up their UK Intellectual Property Team, and also sits on their Global Board.

He has top level experience, spanning more than 30 years, of patent litigation, including disputes in the Supreme Court. Assisted by a Cambridge University science degree, James is also a solicitor- advocate, giving him full rights of audience in the higher courts. James' reputation as a fierce practitioner in IP disputes is in addition to extensive experience of IP rich commercial transactions. Independent commentators have

described him as “widely-admired” (Legal 500) and as having a “stunning reputation” acting “for high-profile clients on a national and international scale” being “instructed directly by organisations who require the very highest levels of expertise” (Chambers Directory). His views have also been sought on national television and radio, as well as being quoted in the national and international press such as the FT and the South China Morning Post.

Committee roles include 10 years sitting on the Law Society Intellectual Property Law Committee which promotes and lobbies for improvements in intellectual property law nationally and internationally, on the Law Society International Committee and on various UK Intellectual Property Office working groups.

James represented Geofabrics Ltd in their successful patent dispute, involving two High Court trials, a Court of Appeal judgment and a record damages award, across a period of about 5 years.