

Gordon Humphreys



Gordon Humphreys is currently Chairperson of the First Board and of the Third Board of Appeal at EUIPO, having joined the Boards in 2005. He was Head of the EUIPO Register Service from 2002-2005 and joined EUIPO's Legal Department in 1997. He is also an accredited mediator with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) and qualified as an international commercial arbitrator with CI Arb in 2021. He has been a member of the EUIPO ADR Service since 2011.

Prior to working at EUIPO, Gordon was in private practice in Luxembourg and Brussels and qualified both as a barrister (England and Wales) and avocat (Brussels bar). He was also a member of the CI Arb Sub-Committee on Revision of Mediation Rules between 2016 and 2018. Gordon was educated at the universities of Buckingham (LL.B), Cardiff (LL.M), Liège (masters in economic law) and Alicante (specialist en derecho de la Unión Europea).

Gordon speaks and writes regularly on ADR, trade mark and design matters, and has co-edited *Mediation: Creating Value in International Intellectual Property Disputes*, Wolters Kluwer (2018) and was a contributing author in Hasselblatt, *Community Design Regulation: Article-by-Article Commentary*, Second Edition (2018), Beck. He took up his duties as President of the Boards of Appeal ad interim on 1 October 2023.

Nina Korjus



Nina Korjus has a distinguished career in European law, culminating in her current role as the chairperson of the Fourth Board of Appeal of the EUIPO since January 2022. Prior to this, she served as a member of the Boards from February 2021. With over a decade of experience as a judge, including a 1.5-year tenure as the head of department at the Finnish Market Court, Nina also held the position of *référéndaire* at the General Court of the EU for 8.5 years. Before that, she worked at the European Law Unit of the Finnish Ministry of Justice for four years, lastly as a counsellor of legislation. Nina holds a Master's degree in European Community Law from the College of Europe in Bruges (Belgium), which she completed in 2001. She has also contributed to the field through several published articles on trade marks and competition law.

Thomas Frydendahl



Thomas currently works as a litigator representing the EUIPO in cases before the European Courts in Luxembourg and is currently a member of the Norwegian Board of Appeal (KFIR).

He has intricate expertise and experience in Danish and European trademark law and has written numerous decisions during his employment at the Danish Patent and Trademark Office and the European Union Intellectual Property Office, particularly at the EUIPO Boards of Appeal.

While in private practice, he has provided advice and representation with a practical and commercial focus to clients, ranging from start-ups to global conglomerates in IP-matters. He has been a frequent lecturer for lawyers in the Nordic countries and has given several lectures at international conferences on topics related to European trademark law.

Experience

Member of the Norwegian Boards of Appeal (KFIR)
KFIR - Klagenemnda for industrielle rettigheter
Oct 2022 - Present (1 year 4 months)

Litigation Service - Boards of Appeal
EUIPO - European Union Intellectual Property Office
Sep 2020 - Present (3 years 5 months)

Boards of Appeal
EUIPO - European Union Intellectual Property Office
Mar 2020 - Sep 2020 (7 months)

Legal Consultant
Gorrissen Federspiel
Sep 2018 - Feb 2020 (1 year 6 months)

Seconded National Expert
EUIPO - European Union Intellectual Property Office
Sep 2013 - Sep 2018 (5 years 1 month)

Boards of Appeal, September 2015 - September 2018
Operations Department, September 2013 - September 2015
Legal Adviser

Patent- og Varemærkestyrelsen
Sep 2011 - Sep 2018 (7 years 1 month)

Janka Budovičová



Since September 2018, Janka has held the position of EUIPO Boards of Appeal Project Manager for Boards of Appeal's cooperation activities with external stakeholders focused on trademark and design effective dispute resolutions.

Janka started working at the Industrial Property Office of Slovak Republic in 1996 as a trade mark examiner and later as a IP Expert in the Appeal Department in the Slovak IP Office. In 2004, she became the Director of Appeal Department and led it until 2013.

In 2013 she joined the EUIPO Cooperation Team as a seconded national expert. She was working at the Convergence Programme until 2018.

Since 2018 she has been working in the EUIPO Boards of Appeal and managing cooperation activities with external stakeholders which aimed to develop coherent and consistent trade mark and design practices. She contributed to establishment of various networks of external stakeholder, including EU and non-EU Intellectual Property Offices and their Appeal bodies, IP judges from EU countries and Appeal Bodies of EU Agencies.

Janka is a graduate of Comenius University in Bratislava, Faculty of Mathematics and Physics (Slovakia) and Faculty of Law of Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica (Slovakia).