



My role is... Partner at Boulton Wade Tennant (and Past President of ITMA).

Before this role... I was at Trinity College, Cambridge, for my degree in Oriental Studies (Chinese) and then my PhD in Anglo-Saxon Literacy. Then I became a Trade Mark Attorney.

My current state of mind is... happy. Why? Too many reasons and I'm not tempting fate by listing them!

I became interested in IP... when my favourite pancake place on King's Road, Asterix, had to change its name, even though it had a large cartoon on the wall that Albert Uderzo, the illustrator of the indomitable Gauls, had drawn for them when he visited – and a proud sign saying “Uderzo était là”. The owners explained it was an IP issue, so they had to change the name. I was about nine.

I am most inspired by... my mother.

In my role, I most enjoy... corresponding with other Trade Mark Attorneys in the UK and around the world to find practical solutions.

In my role, I most dislike... those very rare Registry decisions which seem both unfair and unappealable – not in the UK, but in other jurisdictions.

On my desk are... two piles of files and a cup of coffee on a mat which says “I'd rather be in Aldeburgh”.



A comic character propelled Fellow member Catherine Wolfe into IP

My favourite mug is... a Penguin mug with “Great Expectations” written on it. It was a mild joke while I was pregnant and it still cheers me up.

My favourite place to visit on business is... Beijing; last time I visited, I saw a bird's nest made out of coat hangers, and my present ambition is to find the bird that made it.

If I were a trade mark or brand, I would be... Nescafé Gold Blend or Jameson whiskey: reliable, consistent and decent.

The biggest challenge for IP is... the uncertainty around the issue of

Brexit, especially in relation to Community Trade Marks.

The talent I wish I had is... to be able to be in two places at once.

I can't live without... my husband, my children and my coffee.

My ideal day would include... reading papers in my dressing gown, going to the Registry for a successful Hearing, having lunch in the office, doing a few hours of work, then going to the British Museum with the family for an evening opening, and back home on the Tube.

In my pocket are... lip salve and tissues. And in my coat pocket is a map of Paris, some business cards, my daughter's hair slide and an unidentifiable coin.

The best piece of advice I've been given is... “In trade marks, nothing is ever simple.”

When I want to relax I... go to Aldeburgh and lie down on the pebble beach with a book.

In the next five years I hope... everything will be exactly the same as it is now.

The best thing about being a member of ITMA is... the people – especially the camaraderie on Council and in the Working Groups.