



John Grant the Senior Patent Attorney for TBB plc is awarded the MBE



TBB is delighted to announce that John Grant our Senior Patent Attorney has been awarded the MBE for services to Intellectual Property in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

John Grant has devoted his working life to the development and promotion of Intellectual Property Services. He has provided constructive help and advice to many inventors, start-up businesses, and schools.

John Grant is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys, a European Patent Attorney, and a Member of the Institute of Trade Mark Agents as well as several other organisations having to do with Intellectual Property (IP). He is a key member of the Intellectual Property Awareness Network, an organisation devoted to promoting the importance of Intellectual Property in underpinning our national wealth.

Since retiring from full time practice he has devoted his time to helping Inventors understand and manage their IP. He has also played a major role in bringing the IP message to schools and Universities. He has summarised this accumulated wisdom in a well received book on IP written for the lay reader. The book, Patents, Registered Designs, Trade Marks and Copyright for Dummies was published by Wileys in 2008 to general acclaim from the Profession and business associations.

For the last five years he has worked as a consultant to Trevor Baylis Brands (TBB), an organisation set up by Trevor Baylis, the well known inventor, to help other lone inventors and all those needing advice and support. During this time he has provided support to over 5000 inventors and frequently devoted much of his personal time to helping those in difficulty. In addition to helping people coming to TBB he has participated in many events such as the British Invention Show where he has given free advice to many attendees.

He has frequently travelled to visit Inventors in their homes to see their ideas in operation for himself, and often drafted Patent Applications for them as a charitable act. He is a Governor of his local school where for several years he has helped to develop the educational policies in technical matters to the general benefit of the pupils and the school. In his earlier career before retirement he worked at the construction materials company Redlands plc and managed their worldwide portfolio of IP. This involved establishing the IP rights of Redland in such places as China and many other challenging locations around the world. He has been able to bring this valuable and broad experience to bear on the problems of the many inventors and small businesses that he now helps.

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