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General Experience

Angus is an IP specialist with a particular focus on advising clients on the IP aspects of commercial and corporate transactions in a range of sectors including Financial Institutions and TMT. He also specialises in copyright and breach of confidence/trade secrets disputes arising out of employee moves.

Angus is head of FinTech at Simmons & Simmons and is recognized as a “[leading individual](#)” for FinTech in Legal 500 2018 and one of only four “[thought leaders](#)” in Europe for FinTech in Who’s Who Legal 2018. Clients describe Angus as ‘[incredible](#)’ with ‘[a passion that can move mountains](#)’ (Legal 500) and ‘[finely attuned to their needs and great at delivering results](#)’ (Who’s Who Legal 2018). He is also noted as a ‘[key member of the FinTech community](#)’ (Legal 500).

Recent Work

- advising the British Business Bank on its consultancy role for HM Treasury under The Small and Medium Sized Business (Finance Platforms) Regulations 2015 regarding the designation of alternative finance platforms
- providing IP advice to Funding Circle in connection with the establishment of a £350m share issuance programme, the listing of a newly incorporated fund on the LSE’s main market
- advising HSBC’s strategic FinTech investment team on its minority investment in Quantexa Limited
- advising GoCompare.com Group on its acquisition of The Global Voucher Group Limited t/a MyVoucherCodes from Monitise Limited
- advising Concordia Healthcare on the US\$3.5bn acquisition of Amdipharm Mercury Limited from Cinven
- advising the London Bullion Market Association on the IP licences relating to the new LBMA Gold, Silver and Platinum & Palladium Price benchmarks
- advising a number of FinTech 50 firms including Funding Circle, LendInvest Suade, Cuvva, Railsbank and Osper.

Background

Angus lectures regularly on IP and FinTech issues, including teaching the “[IP Aspects of Corporate and Commercial Transactions](#)” module on the Oxford University postgraduate diploma in IP Law and

Practice. He is also the Contributing Editor of the FinTech edition of *Getting the Deal Through*, a publication that answers 50 of the key legal and regulatory questions that arise for businesses operating in the FinTech sector across 23 jurisdictions. He is a Techstars mentor at Barclays' FinTech Accelerator in London and was a Simmons & Simmons' representative on the Bank of England's FinTech Community. Angus is also one of the judges on Nesta's [Open Up Challenge](#).