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Andrew Watson co-founded ipVA with Robert Harrison in 2005 with the aim of narrowing the gap in IP sophistication between the United States and Europe.

Mr Watson works with small and medium-sized companies in Europe and the United States, designing and implementing IP strategies and IP governance regimes, as well as providing ratings and benchmarks against competitor and peer companies. Many of his clients are backed by leading venture capital and private equity funds in the United States and Europe, for which Mr Watson also provides investment IP diligence.

Mr Watson is also passionate about educating European business leaders and investors on the subject of intellectual property and IP strategy. He presents at the European Venture Capital Association's IPR Master Class, at the European Leadership Programme's chief executive officer group workshops and to boards and fund manager groups.

Mr Watson has a background in M&A and funding transactions. He was a prominent M&A and deal lawyer in the technology sector in the United Kingdom for 15 years, the most exciting period of which was at Andersen Legal where he headed the Thames Valley office and the worldwide people development programme. From there he joined Thirdspace as general counsel. Thirdspace was formed by Alcatel and Oracle to be one of pioneers in the Internet Protocol television market, and it was Oracle's donation of an early video streaming patent portfolio that drew him into the IP world.



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