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The five-partner firm, called Powell Gilbert LLP, consists entirely of former lawyers with IP specialist Bristows.

The five partners revealed their intention to leave Bristows in November but have since been working out their notice period with the firm.

The five partners of Powell Gilbert are Tim Powell, Penny Gilbert, Simon Ayrton, Zoe Butler and Alex Wilson. They are joined by five associates and other support staff.

All of the partners are solicitor advocates who specialize in patent litigation, with expertise in areas such as biotechnology and IT. Gilbert is also a trained mediator.

While at Bristows the lawyers represented clients including Chiron, Genentech, Pharmacia, Affymetrix, Philips, Unilever, Novartis, IBM, Rambus, Sony, Gillette, Bayer and AstraZeneca.

The firm is due to act in a number of Patents Court cases, and in one Court of Appeal case, this year.

It is based in the old Patent Office building in Chancery Lane, London.

According to its website, Bristows still has 36 IP specialists, including 12 partners.