

# Patent and technology litigation

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## Core strengths

We have an in-depth understanding of specialist issues concerning patent litigation in all major jurisdictions, and we can comfortably tackle the most complex matters. This includes advising on the strategy for pan-European patent enforcement, which may comprise litigation in one or more cost-efficient jurisdictions, ensuring prompt results via preliminary injunction proceedings and/or instructing customs authorities in order to prevent infringing goods from entering the EU market.

With over 70 lawyers in our intellectual property and information technology practice, we have a strong presence in Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Our practice is highly rated by Chambers, Who is Who and Legal 500 for international patent litigation work.

Our international patent litigation team is focused on what we regard the most important jurisdictions for patent litigation work in Europe: France, Germany, the Netherlands, and the UK. The specialised patent courts in these key jurisdictions have a good reputation for hearing legally and technically complex patent matters, and decisions of these courts can be decisive for patent disputes in other countries. We also have a significant patents practice in China, centered in Hong Kong and Shanghai. Our best-friends network further extends our capability to all jurisdictions across Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

## Our services

Our IP and litigation practices provide an integrated service to clients on a broad range of technology-related issues, frequently on a multi-jurisdictional basis.

We represent clients in proceedings in the national courts in a wide variety of technical fields. We conduct multi-jurisdictional patent litigation strategy and regularly coordinate US and European litigation and EPO oppositions. As well as litigation over validity and infringement, our areas of experience include:

- obtaining interim injunctions
- litigating essential patents in the electronics/telecoms sector
- customs detention strategies, and
- post-patent expiry strategy

We are experienced in multi-jurisdictional patent litigation and strategy matters. Our work relates either to the national part of international litigation, or as the case may be, to the coordination of US and pan-European litigation, frequently involving colleagues in our offices across the network and in other excellent law firms. In such circumstances we coordinate with them an integrated international strategy, also in order to ensure the consistency of our arguments in all jurisdictions.

Depending on the strategy it may well be that your needs are best served by involving lawyers in one or more jurisdictions, or by recourse to alternative dispute resolution. Thanks to our

international network and our global approach to technology disputes, we would be perfectly situated to advise you on the international litigation strategy.

## Expertise in practice

A selection of companies we work for:

- Alizyme
- Conor Medsystems Inc
- CoreValve
- DivX Inc
- Ericsson
- Ferag
- Genmab
- GlaxoSmithKline
- Kraft Foods
- LEO Pharma
- Lundbeck
- Microsoft
- SanDisk
- Takeda Europe
- Virgin Media

Sources say: "It's simply an exceptional team"

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