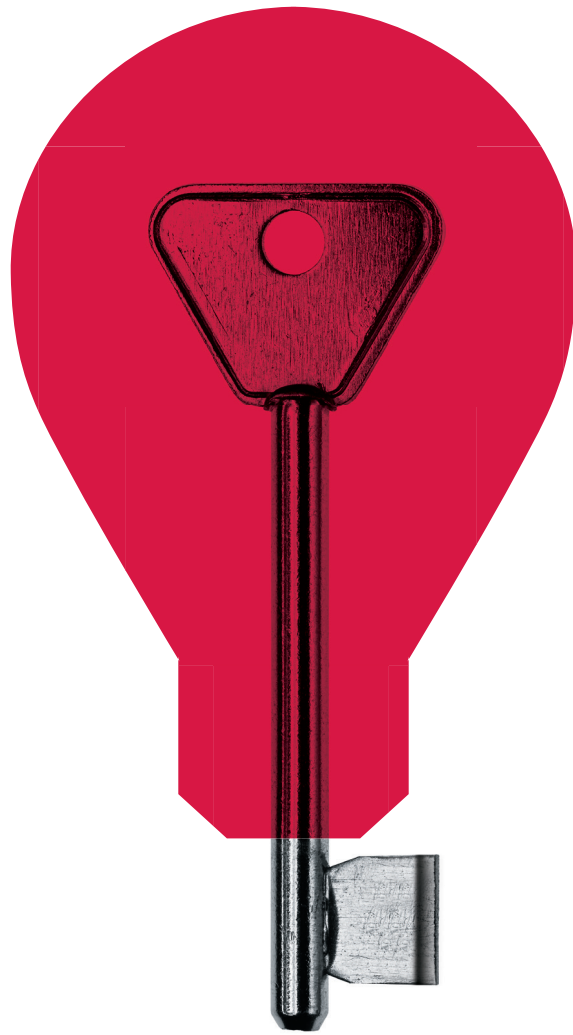


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Intellectual Property



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Our Intellectual Property Group focuses on legal advice, litigation and arbitration relating to intellectual property rights, know-how, data and related agreements. Alongside this, the IP team is active in transactional and cross-border matters, often in combination with the firm's M&A team. The IP team works across a wide range of sectors and has particular industry expertise in the life sciences, chemicals, automotive, foodstuff, consumer and luxury goods sectors.

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Highly esteemed for its handling of contentious IP matters, acting on both litigation and international arbitrations. Also strong on the consultancy side.
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Expertise

We represent clients in litigation and arbitration proceedings as well as in criminal and administrative procedures that involve:

- Validity and infringement of patents, trademarks, geographical indications, copyrights and designs
- Matters relating to know-how and trade secrets, unfair competition and advertising, and domain names
- Disputes arising out of licensing, R&D, technology transfer, franchising, supply chain, distribution as well as marketing and sponsorship agreements

We also assist clients in the following areas:

- Advice and enforcement of protection and defense strategies concerning intellectual property rights, know-how, data and databases, and trade secrets
- Drafting and negotiating licensing, R&D, technology transfer, franchising and distribution agreements
- Conduct of IP due diligence and advice on intellectual property aspects of cross-border and M&A transactions
- Advice in the fields of media, sponsorship and advertising law
- Advice on regulatory matters
- Advice on competition and anti-trust law
- Expert opinions in the field of intellectual property and unfair competition law

We have significant expertise in the following industry sectors:

- Pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, diagnostics and medical devices
- Foodstuffs and beverages, incl. tobacco and cannabis products
- Consumer and luxury goods
- Automotive and mechanical industry
- Chemicals
- Cosmetic products
- Online service providers
- Electronics
- Restaurant and hotel franchising
- Telecommunication and digital network providers
- Media, advertising and branding

Deals and Cases

- Representation of Merck Serono against a major US pharmaceutical group in a high-profile arbitration (USD 2 billion) arising out of a patent license agreement
- Advice to Philip Morris International on various IP, unfair competition and contractual matters
- Advice to Samsung on various IP, advertising and unfair competition matters
- Advice to Santhera Pharmaceuticals on various complex, multi-jurisdictional licensing and asset sale deals
- Advice to SIX Group on a complex transitional trademark license as part of the carve-out of SIX Group's European cards business into a strategic partnership with Worldline

Recognitions

The group and leading practitioners are highly ranked and recognized among leading law firms in global directories and publications:

- Chambers Europe in Intellectual Property
- Legal 500 in Intellectual Property
- WWL Global and Switzerland
- WIPR Leaders
- World's Leading Trademark Professionals (WTR 1000)
- World's Leading Patent Professionals (IAM 1000)
- Managing Intellectual Property's IP Stars
- Best Lawyers in Intellectual Property

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excellent
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