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Morris. Grégoire Triet is President of the AAPI (Association des Avocats de Propriété Industrielle).

Linklaters' IP specialist is Denis Monégier du Sorbier who is particularly known for his patent expertise. The team is developing international oriented advisory work, especially in M&A-derived IP work (including LBOs and IPOs), with a client portfolio including hi-tech and pharmaceutical companies. **Linklaters** has a strong European IP team, notably in Cologne and London.

At **Lovells**, the IP department is three-partners (Milan Chromecek, Dominique Ménard and Marie-Aimée de Dampierre) and 13-lawyers strong and some 100 lawyers deal with IP in Europe. The practice can be divided into four areas: dispute resolution; asset management; media and entertainment; and information technology. About 80% of the clients come from the Paris IP practice and include Ford, Diageo, Canon, Estée Lauder, GlaxoSmithKline, Deutsche Telekom and Total.

Two partners head **August & Debouzy's** 15-lawyer IP department: Isabelle Renard and Mahasti Razavi. They handle trade marks, patents, copyright and commercial contracts. Areas in which the firm is active include the defence industry, banking and finance, telecoms and IT, media, health and pharmaceuticals. Contentious work is growing with an increased number of patents cases.

At **Deprez Dian Guignot**, Pierre Deprez, Philippe Dian and Vincent Fauchoux deal with trade marks and copyright in the media, entertainment and luxury goods fields. The firm has also set up an autonomous department specialising in trade mark advice, including registration.

The IP/IT group at **Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer** is composed of seven lawyers, including partner Xavier Buffet Delmas, who is increasingly visible. The practice covers all areas of IP/IT and specialises in litigation concerning patents, trade marks, design and model trade marks, mergers and acquisitions, technology licences, personal data protection, e-commerce and dispute resolution. Clients include L'Oréal, Colgate, Renault, Gaz de France, Weight Watchers International and Nintendo.

The team, at **Latham & Watkins** numbers 13 lawyers, including partners Emmanuel Baud, Patrick Dunaud and Jean-Christophe Tristant. Among fields covered are media, sport, agribusiness and life sciences.

Gérard Delile heads the **Salans** IP practice which covers all classical IP matters and teams up with the strong IT group when necessary. Pierre Lubet and David Masson arrived from **Rambaum Martel** in early 2006. The firm serves as counsel to international leaders in such fields as IT and software, videogames, pharmaceuticals and chemicals, transport, foods and beverages, toys and games, haute-couture, fragrance and cosmetics, furniture design, luxury goods and tobacco.

Baker & McKenzie SCP's six-lawyer team is headed by Jean-François Bretonnière. It mainly deals with trade marks and trade mark litigation (with a large Asian clientele). Areas of expertise include pharmaceuticals, franchise and distribution, telecoms and publishing.

Clifford Chance's Christian Lachèze handles both trade mark and patent litigation. Jean-Frédéric Gaultier is the other partner to mention.

At **De Gaulle Fleurance & Associés**, the IP/IT team is made up of 13 lawyers and encompasses trade marks, patents, technology transfer and domain names in areas such as health, computers and industry, and artistic copyright in the media industry. Clients include 20th Century Fox, Dreamworks, MSN, Microsoft, Grévin & Cie and AFP.

Two partners (Stefan Naumann and Gilles Vercken) and one of-counsel (Michel Vivant) handle IP at **Denton Wilde Sapte** within the TMT department.

At **Flécheux & Associés**, Marie-Anne Gallot le Lorier is the IP specialist. She handles a great deal of copyright issues, working for publishing houses and in the IT sector.

Herbert Smith LLP's IP team is led by Alexandra Néri and numbers six lawyers. They work for French and international clients on contentious and non-contentious issues: an internet search engine, supermarkets groups, an international music producer, fashion and luxury companies, the leading French civil nuclear company, and a French research organisation, among others.

NomoS' Eric Lauvaux and Héléna Delabarre are in charge of IP and handle litigation as well as advice and audits in areas such as hi-tech, film and music.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: BOUTIQUES

Patents (electronics, pharmaceuticals) and trade marks (fashion) account for the majority of the work at **Armengaud Guerlain**. Jacques Armengaud is vice-president of the Association of Intellectual Property Lawyers and Stéphane Guerlain of the Association des Praticiens du Droit des Marques et des Modèles (APRAM).

At **Courtois Lebel**, three partners, among them Arnaud Casalonga, cover patents trade marks and author rights, IT litigation and advice.

Pierre Cousin, at **Cousin & Moatty**, sources a significant proportion of turnover from patents work, particularly in the fields of pharmaceuticals, chemicals, mechanics and optics.

Intellectual property represents 50% of **Duclos Thorne Mollet-Viéville & Associés'** activity. Five dedicated lawyers handle about 100 cases per year covering patent litigation, trade marks and copyright issues.

Escande is particularly known for its work in unfair competition, trade marks and is

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VÉRON & ASSOCIÉS

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Corinne Champagner Katz
Hirsch & Associés
Hoffman
Hollier-Larousse
Howrey LLP
Jean-Louis Lagarde
Michel Huet
Nataf & Fajgenbaum & Associés

Firms are listed A-Z in tiers which are ranked in order of priority

increasingly active in patent litigation. Michel-Paul Escande's clients include some big names in the automotive, luxury goods and food sectors.

Geoffroy Gaultier heads **Gaultier Lakits - Josse Szleper** (formerly *Cabinet Mathély*), which comprises five lawyers. The firm handles substantial amounts of patent litigation.

Richard John Gilbey and Charles de Haas at **Gilbey de Haas** are recommended.

At **Greffe**, IP is the largest practice area and caters to a diverse client base boasting a number of names in the fashion (haute-couture and ready-to-wear) and industrial sectors.

Philippe Combeau and his two associates deal with around 30 patent litigation cases per year. The firm's client base is diverse and includes large pharmaceutical companies.

Pierre Véron of **Véron & Associés** is highly praised for his work in technical patent litigation. Ten lawyers (also including Isabelle Romet, Thomas Bouvet and Sabine Agé) focus on patents, with representative cases including Rhodia/Asec, Daiichi Kigenso, Winthrop/AstraZeneca, Sandoz/Glaxo, Depagne/Sogexi. The firm is in Paris and Lyon.

Other recommended specialists include: Olivier de La Myre Mory and Alain Cléry (**Cléry de La Myre Mory**); Corinne Champagner Katz; Marc-Roger Hirsch (**Hirsch & Associés**); Serge Hoffman (**Hoffman**); Christian Hollier-Larousse (**Hollier-Larousse**); Marina Cousté (**Howrey LLP**); Jean-Louis Lagarde; Michel Huet; and Fabienne Fajgenbaum (**Nataf & Fajgenbaum & Associés**).