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Tim Powell, partner, has a strong technical background that has enabled him to represent clients in some of the largest and most complex intellectual property disputes to come before the UK courts in recent years.

Tim specialises in multi-jurisdictional litigation, particularly in the patents field where he has experience in coordinating litigation taking place simultaneously across Europe, North America and beyond.

He is a solicitor advocate and has represented clients as an advocate in the UK and European Patent Offices, the English High Court, Court of Appeal, House of Lords and the European Court of Justice.

Tim is a member of AIPPI and EPLAW. He lectures widely on aspects of IP law and is a member of the Intellectual Property Advisory Committee of the UK BioIndustry Association and a board member of IPLA.

Tim is ranked as one of the top 100 business lawyers in the UK in *The Chambers 100*.

WWL says: A "known superstar" with a reputation for handling some of the largest and most complex patent disputes in the UK courts in recent years.



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Alex Wilson, partner, has an international practice, acting mainly in multi-jurisdictional IP matters. He regularly advises clients on Europe-wide patent enforcement and defensive strategies and coordinates their implementation. He has experience of arbitrations under International Chamber of Commerce and specific national rules.

Alex's background in the life sciences (BSc, biochemistry) makes him ideally placed to handle matters in the medical devices, biotechnology and pharmaceutical sectors. He also has a wealth of experience in telecommunications and electronics disputes involving standardised and implementation technologies. His fluency in French and German has allowed him to spend time working in leading law firms in Paris and Düsseldorf. He has also practised as a solicitor in Australia and as an examiner at the European Patent Office for a number of years.

He regularly supports and attends proceedings before the German Courts and is a recognised foreign expert in the German system (*Chambers Global*). He has also practised as a solicitor in Australia and as an examiner at the European Patent Office for a number of years. Alex has been a partner at Powell Gilbert since 2007. He is a member of EPLAW, AIPLA, GRUR and VPP. He regularly lectures on intellectual property matters at conferences and is coediting a commentary on the Unified Patent Court of rules of procedure.

WWL says: "Internationally known and universally respected" for his advice to clients on strategies for exploiting and enforcing of intellectual property rights across Europe.

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Admitted to the Paris Bar in 1994, Sabine Agé had dedicated herself exclusively to patent litigation when she became a partner of Véron & Associés at the creation of the firm in 2001.

Véron & Associés is a law firm of 12 lawyers assisted by a scientific consultant, an economic litigation consultant, a graphic designer and a team of translators, all dealing exclusively with patent litigation for French and international clients.

Sabine handles standard-related cases in the multimedia systems and telecommunications fields and has acted on behalf of international telecommunications manufacturers for the French aspects of a worldwide cross-border patent litigation. She is also active in cases relating to pharmaceuticals, chemicals and medical instruments, as well as household appliances and consumer goods, for international and domestic industry-based clients along with research organisations. She deals with legal issues ranging from contractual disputes and patent ownership (and co-ownership) to validity and infringement.

Sabine lectures on patent litigation at the International Centre of Intellectual Property Studies (CEIPI) in Strasbourg and the universities of Lyon and Montpellier, in addition to her speaking engagements for conferences.

Sabine Agé is an active member of the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI) and of the European Patent Lawyers Association (EPLAW). She is also a member of the IPO and the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA), through Véron and Associés.

Véron & Associés maintains close relationships with top-tier administrative law firms in other jurisdictions, which can handle parallel proceedings in multi-jurisdictional cases.



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She is co-author of *Saisie-Contrefaçon* (trilingual edition, edited by Pierre Véron, 2015).

WWL says: Rated for her "well-informed advice" and "responsiveness" when confronted with complex issues, exclusively practising patent litigation for major international clients.

Thomas Bouvet obtained an LLM in the USA and is a doctor-at-law. Admitted to the Bar in 1996, he has dedicated himself to patent litigation since 2001, when he became a founding partner of Véron & Associés. Véron & Associés is a law firm of 12 lawyers, a scientific consultant, an economic litigation consultant, a graphic designer and a team of translators, dealing exclusively with patent litigation for French and international clients.

Thomas handles patent validity and infringement disputes in the fields of electronics, telecommunications, mechanics, chemistry, pharmaceuticals, media and biotechnologies. He defends employers in actions of compensation for employees' inventions and advises companies setting up appropriate policies in this respect. Thomas handled many actions for infringement of plant breeders' rights and represents clients before the CPVO. He obtained a number of pioneering decisions about trade secret misappropriation.

Thomas lectures on patent litigation. He is a member of AIPPI (a member of the programme committee and co-chair of the standing committee on biotechnology and plant breeders' rights), GRAPI (former president) and EPLAW. He is also an administrator of Centre Paul Roubier.

The firm is a member of IPO and AIPLA. Thomas is the author of a doctoral thesis, "The Legal Protection of Vegetal Innovation", and co-author of *Saisie-Contrefaçon* (trilingual edition, edited by Pierre Véron, 2015), and *Droit et Pratique des Voies d'Exécution* (Daloz Action series, 2013–2014). He contributed to *Global Patent Litigation: How and Where to Win* (Bloomberg BNA, 2014).

WWL says: Lauded for being a "great tactician", and known for having "pragmatism and creativity" throughout his practice, which focuses on patent validity and infringement litigation.



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Julien Fréneaux, Dipl. CEIPI Brevets, DESS, Sciences-Po, heads the Paris office of Bardehle Pagenberg. He represents and litigates before the French courts in all IP matters, including patents, trademarks, designs, copyright and unfair competition. He focuses on patent infringement and validity litigation, including appeal proceedings, before the French IP specialised courts.

The cases that Julien Fréneaux handles regularly involve coordination with teams of lawyers from other jurisdictions as well as with parallel litigation proceedings in different countries in a complex international litigation framework. Mr Fréneaux has managed many multinational patent conflicts concerning technologies such as medical devices, sports equipment and mechanical engineering. He also handles a number of fashion design infringement cases.

Julien Fréneaux is also active in licensing, technology transfer agreements and IP-related contracts. He has led and supervised teams of auditors conducting IP due diligence on the occasion of large M&A operations.

Mr Fréneaux is a graduate in patent law of the Center for International Intellectual Property Studies (CEIPI) of the University of Strasbourg and a graduate in intellectual property law of the University of Paris. He is officially listed as one of the intellectual property specialists of the Paris Bar. He is a member of several IP professional associations including AIPPI, LES and EPLAW. He is co-author of the French chapter of *Interpretation of patents in Europe: applications of Article 69 EPC*.

Recommendations include the 2016 editions of *Who's Who Legal: Patents, Managing IP and Best Lawyers*, and the 2015 edition of *Leaders League*, where he is "highly recommended". *IAM Patent 1000* (2015) recommends him as expert, stating: "Dexterously managing complex parallel litigation proceedings in line with an overriding international strategy is Bardehle Pagenberg's Julien Fréneaux."



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A veteran of infringement and nullity proceedings, he is a vital asset for those with concerns in medical devices, sports equipment and mechanical engineering." He has been listed in *MIP (IP Star) France* since 2014.

WWL says: Julien Fréneaux represents and litigates before the French courts in all IP matters, with an "impressively comprehensive practice" including patents, trademarks, designs, copyright and unfair competition.

Amandine Métier joined Véron & Associés in 2006 as soon as she was admitted to the Paris Bar. She specialised in intellectual property through the Industrial Property Master of Laws 2 of the University Pantheon-Assas Paris II. She became a partner with Véron & Associés in 2013.

Amandine Métier assists French and foreign companies in the prevention and resolution of disputes involving patents. This approach combines litigation, strategic advice, negotiation, arbitration and mediation.

Thanks to its multidisciplinary team, based in Paris and Lyon, including 12 lawyers, one economic litigation consultant and a professor of physics and chemistry, Véron & Associés is able to simultaneously address the legal, financial and technical aspects of a case. With the help of its graphic designer, Véron & Associés elaborates visuals and animations in support of its demonstrations. International strategies are developed in coordination with an open network of foreign colleagues. The team works in French and in English, with in-house translators for the translation of pleadings and exhibits.

Like all the 12 lawyers of the firm, Amandine Métier works in all technical fields. However, she is very active in the pharmaceutical field, in chemistry and mechanics. She has also gained special expertise in the field of telecoms through some of the highest-profile cases disputed in France involving FRAND issues.

Amandine Métier is also involved in the works of the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI) and the European Patent Lawyers Association (EPLAW); she is also a member of the Association of European Patent Practitioners (APEB).

She lectures about patent litigation at the University of Lyon III as well as in various conferences and seminars.

WWL says: Amandine Métier has an "astute legal mind" and "excellent reputation" among clients for her patent practice across the telecommunications, medical devices, chemicals, pharmaceuticals and mechanical industries.



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Isabelle Romet is entirely dedicated to patent litigation, as are the 12 lawyers of the firm. Admitted to the Bar in 1988, she began working with Pierre Véron immediately afterwards. She is a co-founder of the firm Véron & Associés in 2001, with Pierre Véron, Thomas Bouvet and Sabine Agé.

Her practice focuses on patent validity and infringement in most technical areas, especially in complex technological fields and in an international context. A team player, she points out the importance of the firm's scientific consultant who assists the lawyers to build a strong technical reasoning and design the best visual aids with the in-house graphic designer. The economic litigation consultant allows the clients to assess the financial stakes of the case at all stages.

She has handled landmark cases relating to cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, ophthalmology, nanotechnology, diagnosis, genetically modified plants and veterinary products. Her expertise in pharmaceutical patents goes with a focus on supplementary protection certificates. Green technologies are a growing activity. She remains active in mechanics, electricity and electronics.

Convinced by the efficacy of alternative dispute resolution, she is involved in mediation in addition to negotiations.

She lectures on patent litigation at Sciences Po in Paris; various intellectual property centres (such as Centre Paul Roubier); international conferences; and private seminars. She is a member of AIPPI, EPLAW, LES and, through Véron & Associés, IPO and AIPLA. She is a co-author of the book *Saisie-Contrefaçon* (trilingual edition, edited by Pierre Véron, 2015). She contributed to the book *Patent Enforcement Worldwide*, published by Hart Publishing (2015).

WWL says: Isabelle Romet is considered a "sensational" practitioner and "commands great respect worldwide" for her work in the chemistry, pharmaceuticals and cosmetics industries.

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Pierre Véron is a member of the Paris Bar.

The firm Véron & Associés, with 12 lawyers and offices in Paris and Lyon, deals solely in patent litigation, with a special emphasis on international cases. It is a repeat winner of both the Managing Intellectual Property Award for French law Firm of the Year (2006–2011 and 2015) and the Décideurs Award for the Best Intellectual Property Law Practice in France (2003, 2007, 2009 and 2014).

Pierre Véron is the honorary president of the European Patent Lawyers Association (EPLAW), which he founded in 2001, and the French Association of Patent Litigators. He has taught European patent litigation at the International Centre of Industrial Property Studies (CEIPI) in Strasbourg. Between 2007 and 2012 he served as an expert with the European Commission for the creation of the Unified Patent Court (UPC) in Europe; following this, he was a member of the drafting committee of the UPC Rules of Procedure, and now serves on the expert panel advising the UPC preparatory committee.

Pierre Véron is the editor of *Saisie-Contrefaçon* (trilingual edition, 2015), and *Concise International and European Intellectual Property Law* (Kluwer Law International, third edition, 2014). He is also the author of over 70 other publications on patent litigation.

A former president of an arbitration centre and a former associate of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, he has been involved in several arbitration proceedings, either as counsel, arbitrator or chairman of the arbitration panel.

Véron & Associés maintains a statistical study on patent litigation in France. The latest report concerns the period 2000–2009, and follows on from a study spanning the period 1990–1999. Both can be found on the firm's website.

WWL says: *Lauded for "consistently providing the highest quality of advice" by sources, with a particular specialism in invention patent litigation.*



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Johannes Heselberger, Dipl.-Phys, attorney-at-law, European patent attorney and vice managing partner of the firm, heads Bardehle Pagenberg's patent litigation group. His practice comprises patent infringement and validity litigation, including opposition and appeal proceedings before the German Patent and Trademark Office and the European Patent Office, as well as national revocation proceedings before the German Federal Patent Court and the German Federal Supreme Court. His technical fields of expertise are medical devices, telecommunications and the automotive industry.

Johannes Heselberger has successfully conducted important patent infringement proceedings, often across national borders, for client companies of various sizes that are world leaders in their technology.

Johannes Heselberger is a regular speaker on topics in the fields of patent infringement and patent valuation.

Recommendations include the 2016 editions of *Who's Who Legal: Patents, Managing IP, Best Lawyers, Chambers Europe* and *Chambers Global*, the latter of which states: Johannes Heselberger is well respected for patent infringement and validity actions in the biotechnology, telecoms and automotive industries. Clients value that 'he comes across as very convincing in negotiations'.¹ *Intellectual Asset Management: Patent 1000* (2015 edition) described him as "outstanding and accomplished" and "the set's star litigator", adding: "He shines in oppositions, appeals and infringement proceedings in the country's highest courts." He has been listed in *MIP (IP Star) Germany* since 2014.

WWL says: *Johannes Heselberger specialises in patent law relating to medical devices, telecommunications and the automotive industry, and is recommended for his "dedication and commitment when handling difficult matters".*



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Christof Karl, Dr iur, LL.M., specialises in litigation and prosecution of patents, in particular in the technical fields of computer hardware, software and telecommunications. He also advises on issues of licensing, employee invention law, copyright law and internet law.

Dr Christof Karl holds diplomas in computer science from the Technical University Munich and Cambridge University. He studied law at the LMU in Munich, where he was also awarded a doctoral degree, and at the George Washington University in Washington DC (LL.M.). His qualifications as attorney-at-law, admitted to practise in both Germany and New York, and as a German and European patent attorney enable him to handle both the legal and technical aspects of a case.

Dr Karl represents clients in patent infringement proceedings before the German District Courts and the Courts of Appeal, and in patent invalidity proceedings before the European Patent Office, the German Patent and Trade Mark Office, the German Federal Patent Court, and the German Federal Court of Justice. In his patent prosecution practice, one of his focus areas is the patentability of software and other computer-implemented inventions.

His unusual multiple qualifications as attorney-at-law admitted to practise in Germany and in New York; a computer scientist; and a German and European patent attorney, together enable him to handle both the legal and technical aspects of a case. His technical knowledge is particularly valuable in patent infringement proceedings, when the technical facts have to be precisely defined and communicated.

Dr Christof Karl teaches patent law at the Munich Intellectual Property Law Center (MIPLC), at the University of Liège, and at the Center for Advanced Study and Research on Intellectual Property (CASRIP) of George Washington School of Law. He regularly speaks at German and international IP conferences.

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