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In this section, we recognise 30 leading patent lawyers who are widely regarded as experts at handling complex patent disputes across a range of industry sectors.

MOST HIGHLY REGARDED

1. LAËTITIA BÉNARD
Allen & Overy LLP, Paris

2. SABINE AGÉ
Véron & Associés, Paris

3. GRÉGOIRE TRIET
Gide Loyrette Nouel AARPI, Paris

Leading law firm **GIDE LOYRETTE NOUEL** is renowned for its patents practice. This year, five top-tier practitioners have been highlighted for their excellent work in the space.

The “excellent” **Grégoire Triet** stands out in the international marketplace thanks to his superb work litigating in complex cross-border patent proceedings for key clients in the pharmaceutical sector.

Emmanuel Larere is “a key figure” in the region, who is rated highly by his peers thanks to his excellent work representing major biotechnology, industrial and technology companies.

Raphaëlle Dequiré-Portier is “a leading name” in the market who impresses sources with her vast experience handling domestic and pan-European patent litigation.

Boutique patent litigation firm **VÉRON & ASSOCIÉS** also holds a strong market position, and is home to three highly regarded patent litigators.

Sabine Agé ranks among the very elite of practitioners in our research, with commentators describing her as “a phenomenal patent litigator”. Having specialised in intellectual property for more than 24 years, she is internationally regarded as an expert in the field.

Pierre Véron is “an eminent practitioner” who boasts a strong reputation in the market. In addition to his leading patent litigation practice, he is highly recommended for his experience acting as counsel and arbitrator in an array of arbitration proceedings.

Amandine Métier is described as “excellent” by respondents, who praise her sharp intellect and deep understanding of standard essential patents and fair, reasonable, and non-discriminatory (FRAND) terms.

Intellectual property boutique **HOYNG ROKH MONEGIER** boasts a strong presence in the patents market and sees

two individuals recognised.

Denis Monégier du Sorbier is “the go-to guy” in the patents space according to peers, who note that he “really stands out” for his expertise. He regularly counsels French and international companies active in a range of industry sectors on sophisticated cross-border patent disputes.

The “excellent” **Benoît Strowel** is a patent law specialist who boasts considerable experience assisting major bio-pharmaceutical companies on a wide range of IP and regulatory issues.

BIRD & BIRD has a well-respected IP practice, and achieves two listings in this year’s research.

Yves Bizollon is “an excellent lawyer” according to sources, who admire his skilful handling of complex cross-border patent cases across a range of industry sectors.

Anne-Charlotte Le Bihan is “a leader in the field” according to one interviewee, and is renowned for her “very strong” IP practice. In addition to being an outstanding patent litigator, she is also noted for her work negotiating complex IP-related contracts.

Laëtitia Bénard at **ALLEN & OVERY** boasts “a fantastic pharma patents practice” and is commended by sources for “doing an excellent job handling complex cases in the life sciences space”.

Dariusz Szleper at **SZLEPER HENRY AVOCATS** is “really good” according to respondents. He has more than 30 years’ experience handling IP disputes and is well respected for his patent litigation practice.

The “excellent” **Thomas Bouvet** at **JONES DAY** “knows the business inside out”, according to sources. He possesses more than 20 years’ patent litigation experience and is regularly called upon to

take the lead on high-profile disputes.

Stanislas Roux-Vaillard at **HOGAN LOVELLS** has “built up a strong practice” and is warmly endorsed by commentators for his excellent work handling multi-jurisdictional disputes for major companies across the life sciences and telecommunications sectors.

Grégoire Desrousseaux of **AUGUST & DEBOUZY** wins high praise as “an excellent patent litigator” who is consistently “strong across the board”, according to interviewees.

Julien Fréneaux at **BARDEHLE PAGENBERG** is “outstanding”, according to impressed sources, who highlight his impressive work acting in patent infringement and validity proceedings. He also boasts extensive experience handling technology transfer agreements and licensing matters.

Denis Schertenleib at **CABINET SCHERTENLEIB** is a distinguished patent litigator who “stands out in the life sciences field” according to one commentator. He also boasts an impressive practice in the mechanics and telecoms fields.

Thierry Mollet-Viéville at **DUCLOS THORNE MOLLET-VIÉVILLE & ASSOCIÉS** is “a prominent figure in the market” and is widely regarded as one of the best-known IP specialists in France. He is admired by peers who describe him as “extremely professional and knowledgeable”.

The “exceptional” **Emmanuel Gougé** at **PINSENT MASONS** is a long-standing figure in the market who has focused his leading practice on patent litigation for more than 20 years. He is particularly well regarded for his excellent work in the IT and telecoms sectors.



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Julien Fréneaux represents clients before the French courts in all IP matters, including patents, trademarks, designs, copyright and unfair competition. His practice focuses on patent infringement and validity litigation, including appeal proceedings, before the French courts competent to hear intellectual property matters. Julien Fréneaux frequently handles cases that involve coordinating with teams of lawyers from other jurisdictions, as well as parallel litigation proceedings in different countries in a complex international litigation framework. He has handled many multinational patent conflicts concerning technologies such as medical devices and sports equipment, as well as technologies in the field of mechanical engineering. He also handles a number of fashion design infringement cases.

Julien Fréneaux also deals with licensing matters, technology transfer agreements and IP-related contracts. He has led and supervised teams of auditors conducting IP due diligence during large M&A transactions.

Julien Fréneaux graduated from the Center for International Intellectual Property Studies (CEIPI) at the University of Strasbourg, earning a professional degree in patent law, and from the University of Paris, earning a postgraduate degree in intellectual property law. He was admitted to the Paris Bar as a specialist in intellectual property and is a member of several IP professional associations including AIPPI, LES, and EPLAW. He is also the co-author of the French chapter of the book *Interpretation of patents in Europe: applications of Article 69 EPC*.

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