

Tjibbe Douma to lead Dentons Boekel's Patents practice in Amsterdam

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Dentons Boekel has strengthened its Intellectual Property and Technology (IP&T) and Life Sciences practices with the recruitment of highly regarded lawyer Tjibbe Douma. He joined as a partner on February 1, 2019 to lead the Patents practice in Amsterdam.

Prior to his move, Tjibbe Douma worked at Dutch law firm De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek for 10 years, where he focused on technology-related matters, patents and trade secrets. He has extensive experience in both US and European litigation, including high-end multi-jurisdictional patent disputes. He has represented client before the European Patent Office (EPO) and in IP-related litigation and arbitration. He also advises on IP strategy, structures and contracts.

He has proven experience in the life sciences and healthcare sector, having advised major international pharmaceutical companies. He has also advised clients in the food and beverages, telecommunication and chemicals sectors.

He is recommended as a leading lawyer in directories such as *The Legal 500 EMEA*, *Managing Intellectual Property – IP stars*, *IAM Patent 1000*, and *Who's Who Legal*. He is also an active member of the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI) and the Licensing Executives Society (LES).

Wendela Raas, Netherlands Managing Partner commented, "As a rising star in IP law, and in particular patent litigation, Tjibbe will complement our strong existing capabilities in data protection, cybersecurity, and intellectual property – allowing us to offer full scope services to our clients in the technology sector."

"This senior recruitment is an integral part of our ongoing strategy to improve our market position in key practices and sectors – in this case, Intellectual Property, Technology and Life Sciences," said Marien Glerum, Chief Managing Officer of Dentons Boekel. "In less than two years, we have recruited and promoted 10 new partners in Amsterdam, and in doing so have significantly increased the depth, breadth and quality of our service offering to clients."

Tjibbe Douma commented on his move, "Everything now is technology. Dentons offers a true technology and sector focus that fits with clients' needs. As the world's largest law firm, Dentons not only offers unsurpassed global coverage to clients, but also many opportunities. I look forward to working with my new colleagues in Dentons' Europe and global IP&T group and to develop a top quality Patents team here in the Netherlands."

Dentons' Intellectual Property and Technology practice includes more than 600 lawyers worldwide.

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