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Overview

Tjibbe Douma is a partner in Dentons' Amsterdam office. He focuses on technology-related matters, and in particular on patents and trade secrets.

Tjibbe has extensive experience in both US and European litigation, including high-end multi-jurisdictional patent disputes. He has also acted for both opponents and patentees in EPO opposition proceedings. Tjibbe has represented clients in contractual disputes, including contractual litigation involving milestone claims in the life sciences sector. Moreover, he has represented a multinational in post-M&A arbitration proceedings involving a claim for breach of IP warranties.

Tjibbe regularly advises clients on IP strategy and structures, as well as technology-driven M&A deals and contracts.

Tjibbe has advised and litigated for companies active in the Life Sciences and Healthcare, Biotechnology, Food and Beverage, Communications, Energy, Manufacturing and Technology sectors. Tjibbe is recommended as a leading lawyer in directories including *Chambers Europe*, *The Legal 500 EMEA*, *Managing Intellectual Property – IP stars*, *IAM Patent 1000* and *Who's Who Legal*.

Experience

- **US Company:** Representing and strategically advising a US company in multi-jurisdictional patent litigation against a telecommunication company regarding data communication technology
- **Global energy company:** Representing and strategically advising a global energy company in a joint R&D/IP dispute for a new business
- **Energy company:** Advising a company in the acquisition of certain technology from a multinational in the energy sector
- **Robotics company:** Advising a robotics company on freedom to operate
- **Multinational pharmaceutical company:** Representing and strategically advising a pharmaceutical

company in multi-jurisdictional patent litigation - involving claims for entitlement, invalidity and infringement - against another pharmaceutical company. Actions are pending in the Netherlands, the US and before the EPO

- **Multinational pharmaceutical company:** Strategically advising on obtaining Supplementary Protection Certificates for a product based on a subgroup patent.
- **Multinational pharmaceutical company:** Defended subgroup patents in the oncology field in EPO opposition proceedings.
- **Multinational pharmaceutical company:** Representing in EPO opposition proceedings filed against a third party patent in the urology field.
- **Bayer Pharma:** Defending in contractual litigation on milestones in an R&D project in the oncology field.
- **AIMM Therapeutics:** Represented in patent entitlement proceedings and contractual litigation on milestones in an R&D project in the influenza field.
- **Global semiconductor company:** Strategically advised a semiconductor manufacturing company on a potential contractual/patent/trade secret dispute with a joint development partner.
- **US semiconductor company:** Strategically advised on a potential contractual/patent/trade secret dispute with a joint development partner.
- **Multinational materials company:** Strategically advised on issues with its supplier.
- **Multinational food and beverage company:** Strategically advised on freedom to operate issues in light of patent rights held by a competitor.
- **Multinational nutrition company:** Strategically advised on product liability issues caused by its supplier.
- **Multinational biotech company:** Advised on the licensing of its technology.
- **Multinational biofuel company:** Advised on patent right division in a joint development project.
- **Multinational materials company:** Defended in post-M&A arbitration proceedings involving a claim for breach of IP warranties based on third party patent rights allegedly causing a freedom to operate issue for the activities of the company sold.
- **Multinational nutrition company:** Represented a nutrition company in arbitration proceedings involving its joint development partner.

Recognition

- *IAM Patent 1000 2019 Tier 3 for Patent litigation*
“Highly rated is Tjibbe Douma, ‘a walking encyclopaedia of intellectual property and law who makes it his business to know every single detail of his cases’. ‘He is an excellent resource for multi-jurisdictional cases’. ‘He really understands his clients’ commercial objectives and provides proactive advice that goes beyond the particular case at hand.”
- *Chambers Europe 2019 Intellectual Property | Patents: Ranked Up and Coming:* “Clients praise Tjibbe Douma of Dentons Boekel for his ‘extraordinary level of knowledge,’ adding that ‘he knows every detail of cases and where to find it.’ He is particularly active on patent litigation with a strong focus on the pharmaceutical sector, and offers additional experience in the food and beverage sector.”
- *The Legal 500 EMEA 2018: Recommended for Intellectual Property - Patents*
“Dedicated, proactive, creative’ technology expert and senior associate Tjibbe Douma is ‘an excellent analyst”
- *Who’s Who Legal 2018: Recommended for Life Sciences and Patents*

- *Managing Intellectual Property IP Stars 2018*

“Tjibbe demonstrated complete command of the project. He is assertive in his arguments and leads his clients through tense discussions in an effective yet non-confrontational way.’ According to another client, Douma takes a ‘thorough approach to issues and views issues from multiple angles’”.

- *IAM Patent 1000 2018*

“Tjibbe Douma ‘makes it his business to ensure first-rate knowledge of the relevant issues in any case.’ A ‘great analyst with deep industry awareness’, he ‘offers a high-quality and timely service and is available around the clock.’”

Activities and Affiliations

- Member of the Dutch Association of Intellectual Property Litigation Lawyers (VIEPA)
- Member of the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI)
- Member of the Licensing Executives Society (LES)
- Speaker at September 2018 IPEG conference in Eindhoven on Trade Secrets
- Speaker at November 2017 CPE conference in Amsterdam on Trade Secrets
- Speaker at November 2017 LES conference in Tel Aviv on SPCs
- Speaker at May 2017 C5 Pharmaceutical Patent Term Extensions conference in Munich on SPCs

Prior and Present Employment

- Partner, Dentons Boekel, 2019 - present
- Senior Associate, De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek, 2008-2018

Areas of focus

Practices

- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Patents
- Patent Litigation
- Trade Secrets Litigation
- Venture Technology and Emerging Growth Companies

Industry sectors

- Technology
- Energy
- Life Sciences and Health Care
- Manufacturing
- Automotive

- Communications
- Food and Beverage
- Biotechnology Companies

Education

- University of Washington, 2012, CASRIP Patent and IP Law Summer Institute
- University of Leiden, 2008, Master of Laws, with specialization in Corporate Law and IP

Admissions and qualifications

- Dutch Bar Association, 2008

Languages

- Dutch
- English