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EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

European Baccalauréat, European School, Mol, Belgium, 1977;
Licence en droit (Law Degree - 5 years education), Université Libre de Bruxelles, 1982;
Postgraduate, Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst Universität Tübingen, 1983;
LLM, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, 1984.

Admitted to the Brussels' Bar, Belgium, 1988.

LANGUAGES

French, English, Dutch, German.

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PRESENT POSITION

Bird & Bird, Brussels, co head of intellectual Property and Information Technology practice.
Lecturer on copyright contractual skills at the Katholieke Universiteit Brussels, with the sole Belgian Master in Intellectual Property since 1999.
Lecturer on design and model law at the University of Lyon II in a master on Industrial esthetic since 2005
Surrogate Judge Commercial court of Nivelles Belgium since 1990.
Founding and active member of the commission Art and Law with the UIA (International Lawyer Association)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Head, Loyens (& Loeff) Belgium, Intellectual Property and Information Technology practice group;
Partner, Goethals & Van Asbroeck and Van Asbroeck & Cottenie, since 1988;
Lecturer, several European universities within the framework of the EU Media Program on contractual aspects of the production of multimedia products, 1997-2000;
Lecturer on contractual techniques related to on-line technologies at the Facultés Universitaires Notre Dame de la Paix (Namur, Belgium) with the LLM Program on Law and New Technologies (DGTIC), 1999-2000.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Associate, Van Bael & Bellis, Brussels, prominent law firm specializing in European law, 1986-88;
Associate, Coudert Brothers;
Coppens, Van Ommeslaghe & Faurès, Brussels, leading general commercial litigation law firm, 1984-86;
Postgraduate student-Associate, Freshfield (Bruckhaus, Kreifels, Winkhaus, Lieberknecht), leading law firm Düsseldorf, 1983.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Intellectual property: copyright and patent law;
Computer law: and contracts generally;
Privacy law;
General domestic and international commercial litigations and contracts.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Drafting contracts (domestic and international) memoranda and written submissions (court related documents), under different jurisdictions;
Assisting clients in both domestic and international negotiations;
Member, ALAI, AIPPI and CLA;
Legal member, evaluator's panel on the INFO 2000 Call for Proposals on Multimedia Rights Clearance (E.U. DG XIII Luxembourg), 1998;
Speaker at Milia (Cannes, France) on "Clearing rights" and on "Negotiating contracts for on-line content", 1996-97;
Numerous conferences in Belgium on copyright law;
Regularly interviewed by the principal Belgian newspapers on intellectual property right or computer law issues.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

WIPO Panelist. Author of several rulings.
Drafting memoranda, assisting clients with registration processes, assisting clients in both domestic and international legal disputes.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

"L'oeuvre BD multimédia - essai comparatif en droit belge et droit français," Bruylant, (Brussels), LGDJ (Paris), in *Droit d'auteur et Bande Dessinée*, (Premio "per l'impegno scientifico nella ricerca sulcartooning") Roma, 1997;
Editor, *droit d'auteur et Bande Dessinée*, op. cit.;
Legal aspects of the protection of multimedia titles, Tram, Paris, 1999;
Co-author with Alexandre Cruquenaire of the Belgian section of the book *Privacy, Publicity and Personality - International Laws*, Butterworths, London, 2000;
Various articles in Belgian legal Magazines on Intellectual property law.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Avocat (attorney):
Acted as lead counsel in over 250 relevant court cases in courts of first instance and all appeals courts in Belgium, 1984 to present;
Acted as lead counsel in ten court cases with Paris specialized IPR jurisdictions (first instance and court of appeal), all involving intellectual property issues related to new technologies, 1995 to present;

Acted as associate counsel in one case with the European Court of Justice (Luxembourg).

Commercial judge:

Ruling in more than 50 general commercial contractual disputes, since 1990.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN MEDIATION

Actively attended both the Workshop and the Advanced Workshop for Mediators in Intellectual Property Disputes, WIPO, 2005.

Received 80 hours of training from the Ministry of Justice, Brussels, and the University of Louvain, Belgium, on the development of the judges communications capacities (during the trial and towards the media), and resolution of hearing incidents.

EXPERIENCE IN MEDIATION

Extensive ad hoc negotiation and mediation experience.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN ARBITRATION

Actively attended the WIPO Workshop for Arbitrators, Geneva, October 1999;

Received 80 hours of training from the Ministry of Justice, Brussels, and the University of Louvain, Belgium, on the development of the judges communications capacities (during the trial and towards the media) and resolution of hearing incidents.

EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION

Acted as a Co-arbitrator in an ad hoc arbitration (wrongful termination of an ICT contract);

Acted as lead counsel in an ad hoc arbitration (engineering);

Acted as an associate counsel in one ICSID (Washington) arbitration (international contracts – mining conventions);

Acted as an associate counsel in one CEPANI (Brussels) arbitration (car distribution);

Experience acquired indirectly as a commercial judge.

ARBITRATION EXPERIENCE

SUMMARY TABLE

Type	Administering Institution		Role			
	Name	Number of Arbitrations	Presiding Arbitrator	Sole Arbitrator	Co-arbitrator	Counsel
International Arbitrations	AAA					
	CEPANI	1				1
	LCIA					
	Ad Hoc					
	ICSID	1				1
Number of cases: sub-total		2				2
Domestic Arbitrations						
	Adhoc	1			1	1
Number of cases: sub-total		1				1

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

SUMMARY TABLE

(*) including the negotiations where as counsel mediation techniques were applied

Type	Administering Institution		Role	
	Name	Number of Mediations	Mediator	Counsel
International Mediations				
	Ad Hoc	20	1	19
	Others:			
Number of cases: sub-total		20	1	19
Domestic Mediations				
	Ad hoc	85	9	76
Number of cases: sub-total		85	9	76
TOTAL		105	10	95