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DENIS LOUKOU BOHOUSSOU



Denis, Director General of the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI), is of Ivorian nationality. He holds a Doctorate in Law, obtained on July 3, 1993 from the University of Montpellier I (France). He also obtained several Postgraduate Diplomas (DEA) in Legal Informatics and Computer Law, Intangible Creations Law and Literary and Artistic Property Law (University of Nantes, France).

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As an expert with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), he led the development of the national intellectual property strategies of various African countries and produced numerous studies on the intellectual property system in Africa.

Denis has held high office in Côte d'Ivoire. He was Director of Private Sector Development in the Ministry of Industry and Private Sector Development. In this capacity, he chaired the Technical Investment Commission (CTI) for several years. He was also Deputy Director of the National Legal Documentation Centre (CNDJ), which he helped to set up.

In parallel to these administrative functions, Denis lectures as Assistant Professor of Intellectual Property Law and Civil Law in various universities and institutions.

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Toni has spoken and lectured for The Law Society of Upper Canada, University of Toronto and Osgoode Hall Law Schools, as well as private and professional organizations. She is a contributor to *Hughes on Trade Marks, Canadian Forms & Precedents, Halsbury's Laws of Canada* (Trade-marks, Passing Off and Unfair Competition) and *IP - Benchbook – Trade-marks*.

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Clark is a partner in the IP, Tech, and Data Practice Group in the New York office of the global law firm Reed Smith. His primary focus is on trademark, geographical indications (“GIs”), copyright, domain name, licensing and anti-counterfeiting issues, with particular experience in international matters.

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He is recognized as one of the world’s leading trademark practitioners and has been very active in professional organizations and at universities. Clark was the Chair of the GI Committee of the International Trademark Association (INTA), and now serves on that committee. He has also been a member of the Executive Committee of the INTA Board of Directors. He most recently moderated a panel on GIs at the 2017 INTA Annual Meeting in Barcelona.

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