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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

LL.M., University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois (U.S.A.), courses included Antitrust Law, Copyright & Trademark Law, Corporations, Commercial Paper, Contract & Sales, Computer Law, Unfair Trade Practices (thesis title: "The copyrightability of computer software), 1985;
Licentiaat in de Rechten (law degree), Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, grote onderscheiding (magna cum laude), 1984.

LANGUAGES

English, Dutch, French.

PRESENT POSITION

Partner, Allen & Overy, since 2000.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Attorney, Brussels office, of the Belgian law firm Loeff Claeys Verbeke, 1985-2000;
May 3, 2017

Managing Partner, Loeff Claey's Verbeke, July 1995-June 1997;
Partner, Loeff Claey's Verbeke, since January 1992;
Research Assistant, College of Law, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois (U.S.A.), August 1984-May 1985.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Law reviews:

Member, Board of Editors, "Intellectuele Eigendom - Droits intellectuels" (IRDI);
Member, Board of Editors, Computer and Telecommunications Law Review;
Country Correspondent, Entertainment Law Review (Entr. Lr.).

Positions:

Member, Board of Directors, Benelux Trademark Association (BMM);
Vice-Chairman, Committee R (Computer and Technology Law), International Bar Association (IBA);
Alternate Expert appointed in the framework of the WIPO first Internet Domain Name Process (July 1998-April 1999);
Member, Board of Directors, International Trademark Association (INTA);
Chair, Internet Committee, INTA;
INTA Representative, Policy Oversight Committee (POC);
Participant, Consultative WIPO Meetings on Trademarks and Internet Domain Names (Geneva, May and September 1997).

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Various lectures on Intellectual property and information technology law with recently a focus on the interface between intellectual property and the Internet.
