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Wouter is Head of the IP department in The Hague. Before studying law, he studied architecture and building construction for several years. Wouter worked as a researcher at Tilburg University before becoming an IP lawyer in 1989. In IP, he focuses on patent litigation, which also helps him to keep in touch with innovative technology. He handles a wide range of patent disputes, varying from mechanical issues through software and business method patents to biotech disputes, for both national and international clients.

In addition, Wouter is also involved in quite a lot of trademark and copyright litigation, including Dutch Supreme Court and Benelux Court of Justice cases.

Dutch courts are known to grant cross border injunctions for the whole of the European Union in IP matters. The legal basis for this is in the Brussels Convention. Wouter has extensive experience in obtaining such injunctions. The Netherlands also are an attractive country for IP holdings, due to the favourable taxation on royalties. This opens opportunities for companies with large IP portfolios. The Hague office has all the know-how to advise clients on how to structure their Dutch licensing policy.

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