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## BIOGRAPHY

### PARTNER, EUROPEAN PATENT ATTORNEY

François Pochart joined August Debouzy in 2011, after more than 15 years as a patent attorney. Together with Grégoire Desrousseaux and Lionel Martin, he leads a team of engineers and lawyers specialized in patent law. He assists French and foreign clients in all matters relating to patents:

**Litigation before national courts and the Unified Patent Court, coordination of cross-border patent litigation: infringement, invalidity, trade secrets, unfair competition and parasitism;**

**Opposition proceedings: representation before the EPO and the French PTO (oppositions and appeals), as opponent or patentee, including oral proceedings in Munich or The Hague;**

**Prosecution: drafting of patent applications, assistance with filing and examination procedures ;**

**Consulting: analysis of freedom to operate, infringement, validity, licensing strategies;**

**Contracts: negotiation and drafting, in particular R&D, collaboration, co-development and co-ownership agreements, assignments, licenses, NDA ;**

**Assistance to M&A teams on the intellectual property aspects of M&A operations ;**

François is one of France's leading players in patent litigation concerning life sciences, pharmaceuticals and medical devices. His diversified experience (small molecules, biologics, formulas, medical devices, secondary therapeutic applications, etc.), combined with an in-depth knowledge of drug and medical device regulations and close collaboration with August Debouzy's Public and Regulatory team, enables him and his team to handle the most complex matters with great efficiency, particularly on regulatory issues and questions relating to supplementary protection certificates (SPCs).

He contributes to the transmission of knowledge by lecturing on patent law to professional associations, training organizations and universities (including Politecnico di Milano, C5, Life Science Patent Network, MIP). Convinced that sharing experience stimulates individual and collective talent, François and his team also organize patent workshops for their clients.

## PRACTICE AREAS

Patent Law

## HIGHLIGHTS

Tech & Digital

Life sciences & Healthcare

Energy

## EDUCATION

University of Paris X, Nanterre, Masters in Law, 1996

CEIPI (Patents, Trade Marks and Designs) University of Robert Schumann, Strasbourg, 1993

ENSIC Nancy, 1991

Ecole Polytechnique, 1986

## ADMITTED TO THE BAR

Paris, 2011

European patent attorney, 1994

## LANGUAGES

French | English | German

## PUBLICATIONS

- › « The LD Lisbon Offers Some Limited Insight on Imminent Threat of Infringement », François Pochart, Pierre-Olivier Ally, Mayeul Ottaviani □ 28/05/25
- › « First Unified Patent Court Ruling on Second Medical Use Claims », François Pochart, Pierre-Olivier Ally, Mayeul Ottaviani □ 16/05/25
- › « August Debouzy accompagne Coral Reef Capital dans la reprise de METALLIANCE », François Pochart, Jérôme Brosset, Vincent Brenot, Laurent Cotret, Clément Quernin, Charles Maurel, Pierre-Olivier Ally, Mehdi Mahammedi-Bouzina □ 02/08/24
- › « Infringement by equivalence before the preliminary injunction judge: where has the obviousness gone? », François Pochart, Océane Millon de La Verteville □ 14/05/24