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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

Energy

Tech & Digital

Life sciences & Healthcare

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

- › « August Debouzy advises Fisk Alloy on the acquisition of Thermo Technologies' Specialty Wire business », Vincent Brenot, Florence Chafiol, Valéry Denoix de Saint Marc, Fabienne Haas, Philippe Lorentz, François Pochart, Elie Bétard, Alexandra Berg-Moussa, Geoffroy Thill, Thibaut Amourette, Olivier Attias, David Neuwirth, Alexandre Dumortier, Boris Léone-Robin, Charles Maurel, Guillaume Aubatier, Juliette Vachet, Alexandre Mennucci, Alix Kianpour, Vincent Fromholz, Pierre Pérot, Inès Bouzayen, Catherine Mintégui, Ghislain Minaire, Matthieu Le Cacheux, Robin Nini, Jennifer Hinge, Pauline Desplas □ 10/04/26
- › « The new confidentiality regime attached to in-house counsel legal opinions: what impact on preliminary investigative measures such as the seizure of infringing goods ("saisie-contrefaçon") or measure based on article 145 of the French civil procedure code? », François Pochart, Candice Dupin, Océane Millon de La Verteville □ 12/03/26
- › « No commitment, no certificate: loose combinations and the SPC regulation », François Pochart, Pierre-Olivier Ally, Mayeul Ottaviani □ 06/02/26
- › « A New Tax to Combat Pharmaceutical "Evergreening": Article L.138-10-1 of the Social Security Code », François Pochart, Océane Millon de La Verteville □ 04/02/26