



# Patents

Taylor Wessing is a full service European law firm and has one of the largest groups practising in patent law.

## Our services

Taylor Wessing has an enviable track record in advising IP-rich businesses.

We are ranked a market leader in intellectual property law. We can offer our clients advice on the entire range of intellectual property disciplines. With regard to patent work, Taylor Wessing's expertise covers all aspects of contentious and non-contentious work.

## Taylor Wessing's expertise

In both contentious and non-contentious patent matters we provide a partner-led service to help our clients exploit and protect and defend advances in technology. Many of our lawyers have scientific backgrounds and qualifications and are well suited to understanding our clients' needs and providing cost-effective advice to technology-based businesses.

Taylor Wessing has experience of acting for international clients in a wide variety of industry sectors including:

- Pharmaceuticals
- Biotechnology
- Chemicals
- Medical devices and equipment.
- Electronics and software
- Automotive

The firm is widely recognised as being outstanding in providing legal services to technology-based businesses.

## Litigation and dispute resolution

Taylor Wessing has a great deal of experience in representing clients in complex and high profile litigation, for and against multi-national companies and often with a cross-border dimension.

Examples of recent high profile litigation which Taylor Wessing has conducted include acting for:

- Kirin-Amgen and Johnson & Johnson in the extensive patent litigation relating to genetically engineered erythropoietin

(EPO) against Roche and Genetics Institute, Hoechst Marion Roussel and Transkaryotic Therapies.

- MFH Maschinen-, Fertigungs- und Handelsgesellschaft mbH against Gummi Küper GmbH & Co.KG in the so-called "Räumschild case" relating to shovel blades for snow-ploughs, in which the Federal Court gave a landmark decision regarding dependent inventions.
- Angiotech Pharmaceuticals in the defence of their patent for the taxol vascular stent in revocation proceedings brought by Conor Medsystems Inc.
- Celanese Corporation in their patent infringement case relating to acetic acid purification technology against BP Chemicals in the High Court and Court of Appeal,

which led to the first account of defendant's profits trial in the UK for over a century.

- Swiss company Cendres et Métaux in patent infringement case relating to dental prostheses against ZL Microdent in the Düsseldorf District Court and the Court of Appeal.
- Lilly ICOS in revoking patent belonging to Pfizer relating to the use of compounds, including VIAGRA, to treat impotence.
- S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc. successfully defending patent litigation brought by Sara Lee on a household product in England, France and Denmark.
- The ev3 group against the University of California and Boston Scientific revoking a patent relating to the endovascular treatment of brain aneurysms.

- Nutrinova (part of Celanese Corporation) in a patent infringement case relating to the sweetener, acesulfame-k.

- Clients relating to patents for omeprazole, alendronate, paroxetine, seretide, epirubicin and oxaliplatin, both in the High Court and Court of Appeal.

### Transactional and patent strategy

Taylor Wessing provides:

- Advice to clients on licensing of patent (and other IP) rights.
- Advising on patenting strategy in the software sector.
- Advice to clients on the patent issues facing a company wishing to launch a product onto the market.
- Informed due diligence on the IP aspects of corporate transactions.

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- **Corporate** - M&A, IPOs, private equity, tax, commercial law, inward investment, funds
- **Intellectual property** - Patents, copyright, trade marks, confidential information, information technology
- **Finance & projects** - Banking, structured finance, major projects
- **Dispute resolution** - litigation, arbitration, mediation
- **Reconstruction and corporate recovery** - Restructuring, work-outs, formal insolvency
- **Real estate** - Investment, development, finance, planning and environment
- **Employment & pensions** - Employee benefits, human resources, pensions, pensions litigation
- **Competition** - EC law and anti-trust
- **Regulatory** - Public law, financial services
- **Private client** - International asset protection, tax and succession planning