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Few firms in France can rival **Howrey LLP's** patent team. The nine-lawyer group includes some of France's leading patent experts in Marina Cousté and Denis Monégier du Sorbier, a 'high added-value lawyer'. François Jonquères is also recommended. The firm advised Institut Pasteur, Technip and Bouygues on patent infringement matters.

Véron & Associés excels in patent litigation. Pierre Véron is a leading figure, while Isabelle Romet, Thomas Bouvet and Sabine Agé are also recommended. Recent highlights include successfully representing Schindler before the Paris court in the context of its ongoing battle against Otis, and winning a landmark decision for Chiron on the first case brought involving a molecular biology patent.

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Patent and trade mark attorneys

This chapter introduces the best patent and trade mark attorneys in France (CPI - Conseils en Propriété Industrielle) who are still part of a

distinguished profession from their lawyer counterparts. The CPI firms advise inventors on protecting and exploiting their rights. There are about 828 experts who have the title of CPI. They are divided between engineers, who specialise in patents, and jurists, who deal with trade mark issues.

Cabinet Beau de Loménie fields a leading patent practice, the firm managing more than 55,000 patents and registering numerous patent rights in France and Europe. The department, led by Didier Intès, Jean-Jacques Joly, Gérard Portal and Philippe Hubert, is organised around four specialities; mechanics, electronics, chemistry and biology. Trade mark expertise is also high under Aurélie Marie and her team of 15 jurists, who manage around 61,000 trade marks and designs. The firm has some 60 CPI, and has offices in Paris, Lille, Lyon, Marseille, Munich and Duisburg.

Anticipating future market developments, **Lavoix** signed an agreement with law firm **Lavoix Avocats**, formerly Binn & Associés, in 2008 to create one of the few inter-professional networks between CPI and lawyers. The firm has in-depth expertise in biotechnology, pharmacy, chemistry, electronics, physics and new technologies. It has around 60 professionals, providing French and European advice on patents and trade marks with an active patent registration practice. The firm has offices in Paris, Lyon, Toulouse and Chamalières, and recently opened an office in Munich to bolster its activity at European level. The portfolio is drawn from large CAC 40 companies (Alstom, Arcelor, LVMH, Rhodia), foreign groups (Colgate, Richemont) and innovative start-ups.

Cabinet Plasseraud combines expertise in patents, trade marks, copyrights, competition law, and handles internet-related matters. In patents, the firm is particularly strong in chemistry, pharmacy, telecoms, electronics and IT. The team includes some 80 engineers and jurists based in Paris and Lyon.

Regimbeau is led by ten partners, supervising a team of some 50 experts. The patent practice spans the biotechnology, pharmacy, telecoms, electronics and IT sectors. In trade marks, the firm focuses on the banking, pharmaceutical, advertising, food and distribution industries. The firm has offices in Paris, Rennes, Lyon and Grenoble.

Brevalex has 70 professionals, including 24 engineers. The patent department is led by Gérard Poulin, while Jean-Baptiste Duranton manages the trade mark and design practice. The firm, which has offices in Paris, Grenoble and Toulouse, is recommended for its technology expertise and knowledge of European procedures.

Bureau D.A Casalonga-Josse has strong patent expertise in mechanics, electricity, electronics, chemistry and biotechnologies. The firm has a team of some 20 CPI and engineers,

who also deal with trade mark and litigation. It has offices in Paris and Grenoble, and solid European capabilities, with a patent team based in Munich and a trade mark group located in Alicante. The practice works in close collaboration with law firm **Casalonga Avocats**.

Ernest Gutmann - Yves Plasseraud SAS (EGYP) has around 21 professionals including 17 CPI. The firm is 'reliable' and praised for its 'high quality work', with patent expertise in biotechnologies and genetics, chemistry, mechanics, physics and electronics. It also handles trade marks, and has in-depth knowledge of European procedures. The firm has offices in Paris, Lyon and Alicante.

Germain & Maureau has expertise in patents and trade marks, with a sustained trade mark registration practice, notably in the wine sector. The team has 15 engineers who handle patent work in the biotechnology, chemistry and pharmaceutical sectors. Headquartered in Lyon, the firm also has offices in Paris and Saint-Etienne, and in Germany, Spain and Switzerland.

Cabinet Harlé et Phélip's patent practice focuses on mechanics, electronics, chemistry and pharmacy. The firm also handles trade mark and design work. Teams are based in Paris and Nantes, and include nine CPI.

Hirsch Pochart covers trade mark, patent and litigation work. The firm has built a large international client base and works in close collaboration with **Hirsch & Associés**.

Novagraaf Technologies SA has 25 jurists and 35 patent engineers, handling trade mark, patent and design work. The firm is present in four other European countries.

Led by Marc Santarelli and Luc Santarelli, **Santarelli's** practice has 20 CPI, engineers, pharmacists and scientists. Six CPI and four jurists are in charge of trade marks. The firm has offices in Paris, Marseille and Toulouse.

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