



*‘Innovation only creates sustainable value when it is properly protected and defended.’*

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After studying Biomedical Sciences at KU Leuven, Leen obtained her PhD from the Rega Institute in 2015. For five years, she conducted research into the development of the gut microbiome in healthy children in their first year of life. With a strong scientific background in microbiology, virology, genomics, bioinformatics, and biostatistics, she made the switch to V.O., where she works as a Dutch and European patent attorney in the Chemistry & Life Sciences department.

As a patent attorney, Leen advises biotech and life sciences companies on the patentability of new developments and assists them in drafting and prosecuting patent applications. She also represents clients in opposition and appeal proceedings before the European Patent Office, provides support in legal proceedings, and conducts analyses of third-party rights. With an analytical and creative eye, she advises clients on building and defending strong patent positions.

### Working experience

- Patent Attorney, V.O. (March 2025)
- Trainee Patent Attorney, V.O. (2021-2025)
- PhD student, Rega Institute KU Leuven (2015-2021)

### Education

- Professional Training for Patent Attorneys, Radboud University (2024)
- PhD in Biomedical Sciences, KU Leuven (2020)
- MSc in Biomedical Sciences, KU Leuven (2015)
- BSc in Biomedical Sciences, KU Leuven (2013)

### Languages

- Dutch (native)
- English (fluent)

- French (basic)