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Bart van Wezenbeek

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European and Dutch Patent Attorney

Of counsel

Bart van Wezenbeek started his career in the patent field after he had worked in pharmaceutical research for more than 12 years. He had spent almost three years as a patent information specialist before he switched in 1990 to the patent attorney profession. Since July 2019, Bart has been associated with V.O. as an of-counsel.

From his biology education and pharmaceutical experience, Bart is well suited to deal with inventions in all biological and life science areas, from food and feed applications to deep sequencing and from microbiological diagnostics to gene therapy. Bart has further specific experience in plant related inventions and molecular biological diagnostics.

For many years, Bart headed our patent search and analysis department. Next to his work at V.O. he was involved in the training of trainee patent attorneys and patent information specialists.

Working experience

- Patent Attorney, V.O. (2002-July 2019)
- Deputy Justice at the Appeal Court of The Hague (2001-present)
- Head of the patent department and acting corporate counsel of a small biotech start-up (1995-2002)
- (Trainee) Patent Attorney in a large pharmaceutical company (1990-1994)
- Patent Information Specialist in a large pharmaceutical company (1988-1990) Research zoological technician in a large pharmaceutical company (1975-1988)

Education

- Company counsel, CPO Nijmegen (1997)
- LL.M. in Dutch Law, Catholic University Brabant (1994), specializing in intellectual property law
- Patent information Specialist, Stichting GO, The Hague (1989)
- MSc in Biology, University of Utrecht (1988), specializing in molecular biology, microbiology and neurobiology

Publications

- L.A.C.M. van Wezenbeek and T.F.W. Overdijk: Seaweed and mushrooms on the IP-menu; travelling along the boundaries for the protection of biological products and inventions. In: Berichten Industriële Eigendom, May/June 2018.
- The European Patent System. Handbook for the GIIP Offline Campus Learning Module, Global Institute for Intellectual Property, New Delhi, India, 2012.
- Bart van Wezenbeek. Watch your priorities. In: The Innovation Handbook, Ed. Adam Jolly, 2nd Edition 2010, Kogan Page, London, UK, pages 180-183.
- G.S.F. Ruigt, J.N. Van Proosdij and L.A.C.M. van Wezenbeek: A large scale, high resolution, automated system for rat sleep staging. II. Validation and application. Electroencephalography and Clinical

Neurophysiology 73: 64-71, 1989.

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Professional & Community Activities

- Contributor to Kluwer Patent Blog
- Member of the Disciplinary Board of Appeal of the EPO
- Member of the Disciplinary Council of the Dutch Association of patent attorneys
- Member of the legal commission of the Dutch Association of patent attorneys
- Member of the public relations commission of the Dutch Association of patent attorneys
- Substitute member of the Professional Qualification Commission of the epi
- Member of FICPI
- Member of AIPPI
- Member of WON
- Member of PIUG
- Coordinator and tutor of the CEIPI Basic course in The Hague
- Tutor on the CEIPI Pre-exam training course in Strasbourg
- Lecturer on the IPKM program, University of Maastricht
- Trainer on the WON course for Patent Information Specialists, Stichting GO, Voorburg, The Netherlands

Languages

- English
- Dutch
- German