



*'Nowadays, patenting has become the essential ingredient, since creative entrepreneurship and innovative technology do not suffice anymore to generate long-lasting profitable business in the highly competitive information society of today.'*

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Prior to joining V.O. in 2002 as a patent attorney, Karel de Jong had first been a scientist for five years, and an entrepreneur for another ten years. As an entrepreneur, Karel gained experience in commercialising patented technology. Karel is a mechanical engineer. He obtained his Master's degree in 1987 and a PhD degree in 1991.

Today, as patent attorney at V.O., Karel is involved in various fields of technology, such as building and construction, machinery, vehicles, energy production, shipbuilding, offshore, rapid prototyping, medical devices, packaging, food processing, domestic devices and appliances.

Karel works for a variety of clients, ranging from small and medium sized enterprises, to large companies, universities and research institutes. Whether it involves patenting trajectories all over the world, defending his clients against alleged patent infringement, or assisting his clients in other ways, Karel always aims at delivering quality. Not as a theorist, but with a practical focus on his client's interests.

In his capacity as European Patent Litigator, Karel is allowed to act as UPC representative.

### Working experience

- Patent Attorney, V.O. (2002-present)
- Managing director/owner at GPT B.V. (1992-2002)
- Scientist at Technology Consultancy Center (1987-1992)

### Education

- PhD in Mathematics and Natural Sciences, University of Groningen (1991)
- MSc in Technical Mechanics/Applied Mathematics, University of Groningen (1987)

## Professional & Community Activities

- Member of the Training & Examination Committee, Dutch Platform of Formalities Officers (2012-present)

## Languages

- English
- Dutch