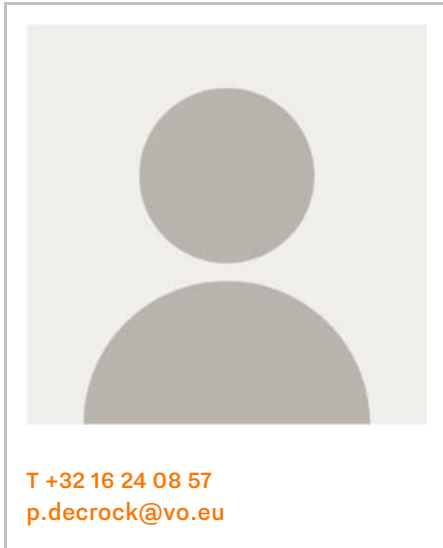




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Prior to joining V.O. in 2023 as a patent attorney, Patrick has been working as a European and Belgian patent attorney for more than 15 years, including 10 years as an in-house patent manager in industry.

Patrick gained experience in drafting and prosecuting patent applications in fields ranging from mechanical engineering, electro-mechanical engineering, medical devices, electronics, applied physics, to computer implemented inventions. He further gained experience in managing a global and worldwide patent portfolio, assessing validity of patent rights, freedom to operate studies, infringement analysis, and in providing general strategic and legal advice in IP matters.

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Working experience

- European and Belgian Patent Attorney, V.O., Leuven Office (June 2023-present)
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