



'I enjoy cooperating with creative inventors and mapping out together the road that leads to the most effective protection for their new products and processes and to contribute to the commercial success by defining adequate IP strategies.'

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Hans Bottema studied engineering physics at the University for Technology Delft and, after completing his studies in the field of nuclear physics in 1988, started working at Philips electronics. There he completed his education as a patent attorney and worked in the fields of medical devices and electron microscopy. Hans then moved to Procter & Gamble, where he was involved in patent prosecution and litigation in the field of consumer products. He joined a large patent and trademark firm in The Hague in 1995, where he was a partner from 1999 until 2023.

As an expert in the field of physics, Hans concentrates on automotive technology, offshore, water treatment, medical devices, security documents and aerospace engineering. Hans advises a wide range of companies, from start-ups to multinationals.

He has ample experience in patent litigation before the courts of first instance and appeal in The Hague and in opposition and appeal cases before the European Patent Office. Hans was a managing partner and member of the supervisory board of one of the largest patent and trademarks firms in The Netherlands. He was a secretary of the Dutch Patent attorney association and is a member of the professional conduct committee of the European patent institute (EPI).

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

Working experience

- Partner at V.O. (2023-present)
- Patent attorney and partner (from 1999 on) with a large patent and trademark firm in The Hague (1995-2023)
- Patent attorney with Procter & Gamble (1992-1995)
- Patent attorney with Philips electronics (1988-1992)

Education

- Master of Science in engineering physics from University of Technology, Delft 1988.

Directories

- “Joining the team from NLO in October 2023, physicist Hans Bottema relishes working at the cutting edge of technology and leverages his in-house experience to effectively support inventors with both legal and business needs” (IAM Patent 1000, 2024)
- IAM Patent 1000, sept 2020 recommended individual: “...Fellow physicist Hans Bottema has ample in-house and private practice experience, which informs his sage, business-minded counsel”.
- IAM Patent 1000, Sept 2022 recommended individual: “Physicist Hans Bottema relishes working at the cutting edge of technology and leverages his in-house experience to effectively support inventors with both legal and business needs.”
- Recognized as IP star in 2020,2021,2022 and 2023.

Professional & Community Activities

- Member of the Professional Conduct Committee of the EPI
- Member of the Dutch institute of patent attorneys, EPI, AIPPI, FICPI and UNION

Languages

- Dutch
- English
- German
- French