

## **Wouter Pors**

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Wouter is renowned for the quality and appropriateness of his advice, as well as his industry knowledge, political sense and knowledge of the playing field.

Wouter is a partner and head of our Intellectual Property Practice in the Netherlands. He is based in The Hague.

With more than 25 years of experience, he focuses on patent litigation, which also helps him to keep in touch with innovative technology. He handles a wide range of patent disputes, varying from mechanical issues through software and business method patents to biotech disputes, for both national and international clients. Wouter is a member of our Tech & Comms, Life Sciences and Energy & Utilities Groups.

In addition, Wouter is also involved in numerous trademark and copyright litigation matters, including cases before the Dutch Supreme Court and the European courts.

In recent years, database protection and trade secrets have become a more important part of Wouter's practice and he has handled litigation on these issues and participated in various expert meetings on the new European trade secret regime.

Wouter is the secretary of the Dutch group of AIPPI. He is also an expert on issues regarding the Unitary Patent and the Unified Patent Court, the new patent system that is expected to go live early 2015. He is working on this within Bird & Bird as well as AIPPI and EPLAW.

Wouter was admitted to the bar in 1989 and joined us in 2001 as one of the founding partners of our office in The Hague. Before studying law, he studied architecture and building construction for several years. He also worked as a researcher at Tilburg University