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Marianne Schaffner is the Europe Head of IP Litigation and the National head of the Intellectual Property Group of Dentons and a national recognized trial lawyer in national pan-European and international patent, trademark and trade secrets disputes in pharmaceutical, chemistry, agri-business and electronics and telecommunications sectors. Marianne Schaffner also advises clients on intellectual property agreements, mergers and acquisitions, leveraged buyouts and capital market transactions.

Ms. Schaffner has handled a wide range of litigation and strategic IP matters for a diverse array of companies, in particular in the Life Sciences and telecoms sectors. The vast majority of the cases she has handled were pan-European, including before the European Patent Office (EPO) and often with a US counterpart. On these occasions, she has been leading the litigation and patent prosecution teams in Europe and in the US to ensure a full coordination of the litigation and patent prosecution teams and a true consistency of the court and EPO papers file. She has a very good knowledge of the US litigation system and such expertise is a pre-requisite for each client litigating in Europe and in the US.

In addition, Ms. Schaffner has a good knowledge of the UK, German and Dutch litigation systems and the EPO systems, as she has worked and/or studied before these courts and the EPO and has frequently litigated in these countries. In this respect, she is fluent in French, English and German and understands Dutch.

Clients say that she is “a *business-oriented*” lawyer who “*never gives up*”, she is “*extreme lawyer*”; she “*always find a pragmatic solution to prevent or to put a favorable end to a dispute*”. She “*is erudite in IP*”. She “*leads teams with extraordinary brilliance*.” She is “*hard-working, extremely responsive and strategically brilliant*” and as “*by far the most knowledgeable and best prepared patent litigator in Paris*”. (Chambers, Legal 500, Décideurs)

Ms. Schaffner is a frequent conference speaker and is a lecturer in the Advanced Post Master, Intellectual Property at the University of Paris as well as at the Paris Bar school.

Awards/Recognition

Band 1 by Chambers Global and Chambers Europe, **Band 2** by Legal 500 EMEA.

Excellent by Décideurs Stratégie Finance Droit.

Top Leader by Who's Who Patent, Lawyer Monthly, Women in Law and IAM Patent 1000, Best Lawyers France

“**IP Star**” by Managing Intellectual Property.

Twice, she received the **European “Best in Life Sciences” Award** at the Europe Women in Business Law Awards in 2016 and 2017.

Memberships

- Former Chair of The Life Sciences Patents Committee of the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI)
- Chair of the Regulated Sectors Committee of the French Trademark and Design Association (APRAM)
- European Patent Lawyers (EPLAW)
- Association of Practitioners of European Patents (APEB)
- Association des Avocats en PI (AAPI)
- International Trademark Association (INTA)
- Licensing Executive Society (LES)
- Pharmaceutical Trade Marks Group (PTMG)

Education

- University Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas Munich (LMU), Master in Law, Corporate and German Law, 1993
- University Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas, DEA, Community Law, 1994
- University Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas, DESS, Intellectual Property Law, 1995