



Patents

Taylor Wessing is a full service European law firm and is the leading patent litigation firm in Europe. It has one of the largest groups practising in patent law.

Our services

Taylor Wessing has an enviable track record in advising IP-rich businesses.

We are ranked a market leader in intellectual property law. We can offer our clients advice on the entire range of intellectual property disciplines. With regard to patent work, Taylor Wessing's expertise covers all aspects of contentious and non-contentious work.

Taylor Wessing's expertise

In both contentious and non-contentious patent matters we provide a partner-led service to help our clients exploit and protect and defend advances in technology. Many of our lawyers have scientific backgrounds and qualifications and are well suited to understanding our clients' needs and providing cost-effective advice to technology-based businesses.

Taylor Wessing has experience of acting for international clients in a wide variety of industry sectors including:

- Technology and telecoms
- Pharmaceuticals
- Biotechnology
- Chemicals
- Medical devices and equipment
- Electronics and software
- Automotive

Transactional and patent strategy

- Taylor Wessing provides:
- Advice to clients on licensing of patent (and other IP) rights.
- Advising on patenting strategy in the software sector.
- Advice to clients on the patent issues facing a company wishing to launch a product onto the market.
- Informed due diligence on the IP aspects of corporate transactions.

Patent Litigation

Taylor Wessing is the leading patent litigation firm in Europe, experienced at handling complex multi-jurisdictional as well as national cases. We have proven success in winning our patent litigation, being top ranked in Chambers 2008 and being voted joint first for patent litigation in the MIP World IP Survey 2008.

Consistent with this, we have one of the largest patent practices in Europe, with significant practices in both the UK and Germany – both are top ranked in their respective countries. Our lawyers are very experienced, bright and highly regarded individuals who have excellent technical skills.

The team has outstanding experience in the patents courts in the UK and in Germany, as well as contentious proceedings in the European Patent Office. We are particularly recognised for our multi-national and pan-European litigation skills and experience, providing clients with a consistent approach to advice across Europe.

Examples of landmark decisions where Taylor Wessing has acted:

- Kirin-Amgen and Johnson & Johnson in the extensive patent litigation relating to genetically engineered erythropoietin (EPO) against Roche and Genetics Institute, Hoechst Marion Roussel and Transkaryotic Therapies. The House of Lords gave its landmark decision on patent construction
- MFH Maschinen-, Fertigungs- und Handelsgesellschaft mbH against Gummi Küper GmbH & Co.KG in the so-called "Räumschild case" relating to shovel blades for snow-ploughs, in which the Federal Court gave a landmark decision regarding dependent inventions
- Celanese Corporation in their patent infringement case relating to acetic acid purification technology against BP Chemicals in the High Court and Court of Appeal, which led to the first account of defendant's profits trial in the UK for over a century
- Asahi Chemical Co : Acting in its successful appeal to the House of Lords regarding a cancer-inhibiting genetic engineering patent.

Other examples of recent high profile litigation which Taylor Wessing has conducted:

- SmithKline Beecham v Apotex in the recent line of cases relating to interim injunctions and damage enquiries in the UK
- Hospira (previously Mayne Pharma): acting in successful declaration of non-infringement and revocation proceedings relating to Oxaliplatin in the UK and Germany
- 3M Espe: successfully defending remuneration claims of former employee regarding patent co-ownership
- Unisantis: acting in a leading case with the German Federal Supreme Court as well as the German Federal Constitutional Court concerning inadmissibility of German national invalidity proceedings while EPO opposition is pending
- Visto Corporation v Research in Motion (Blackberry): defending a High Court patent action against Research in Motion relating to mobile data technology (Blackberry) involving multiple patents and invalidity counterclaims, also advising on Visto's related global litigation strategy.
- Cargill Corporation: Acting in its successful defence of patent infringement proceedings by Monsanto Inc. in the first UK patent trial concerning genetically modified crops.
- Abbott Laboratories: Acting in its successful application against Evysio (and Medtronic) to have three patents on coronary stents declared not infringed and/or invalid.

Awarded **Joint 1st** for Patent Litigation

MIP World IP Survey 2008

"European Life Science IP Firm of the Year"

Managing Intellectual Property Global Awards, 2008 (shortlisted in 2009)

Won UK Contentious IP Firm of the Year at the **2009 MIP Global Awards**

"Technology Media Telecoms Team of the Year"

The Lawyer Awards 2008

Top ranked for Patent Litigation in **Chambers** and **Legal 500**

Top ranked for Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology in **Chambers** and **Legal 500**

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