



# Patents

Taylor Wessing LLP is a full service European law firm and 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:

- 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.

## 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

- 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

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

- S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc. successfully defending patent litigation brought by Sara Lee on a household product in England, France and Denmark
- SmithKline Beecham v Apotex in the recent line of cases relating to interim injunctions in the UK
- Lilly ICOS in revoking a patent belonging to Pfizer relating to the use of compounds, including VIAGRA, to treat impotence
- Mayne Pharma: acting in successful declaration of non-infringement and revocation proceedings relating to Oxaliplatin
- 3M Espe: successfully defending remuneration claims of former employee regarding patent co-ownership
- Unisantis: representing 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

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Taylor Wessing has an enviable track record in serving knowledge-based and technology-orientated businesses. A market leader in intellectual property, the firm also has a strong market presence in corporate, finance and real estate.

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- **Intellectual property** - Patents, copyright, trade marks, confidential information, information technology
- **Finance & projects** - Banking, structured finance, major projects
- **Dispute resolution** - litigation, arbitration, mediation
- **Reconstruction and corporate recovery** - Restructuring, work-outs, formal insolvency
- **Real estate** - Investment, development, finance, planning and environment
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