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PRACTICES:

Commercial and consumer law
Contract law, torts and liabilities
Intellectual property law
Tech and data law

SECTORS:

Art and culture
Food and beverages
Healthcare and life sciences
Media and telecommunications
Mobility
Technology and data economy

LANGUAGES:

French - Dutch - English

FERNAND DE VISSCHER

Fernand de Visscher is a specialist in **intellectual property**. He notably handles questions relating to patents and to the protection of **designs** and **artistic and literary works**. Fernand's experience also includes **media law**, distribution (dealerships, franchises, etc.), computer science, **the internet**, domain names, including contract law and competition issues in these fields.

He assists Belgian and international enterprises in these areas, covering a wide range of structural and contractual operations and disputes requiring resolution via negotiation, mediation or pleadings before all Belgian and European courts. He is admitted to the WIPO List of Neutrals as a WIPO Arbitrator.

Fernand de Visscher is also a member of our Supreme Court team and handles those matters relating to intellectual property, market practices and competition law.

He has been appointed by the FPS Economy, for his legal expertise, as president of the Industrial Property section of the Council for Intellectual Property, whose main mission is to provide the Minister responsible for intellectual property with advice on any matter relating to intellectual property, in particular in the law-making process.

Fernand de Visscher is a former lecturer at the Centre for International Studies in Intellectual Property (CEIPI, Strasbourg) and was visiting lecturer at UCLouvain from 2007 to 2017.

He is ranked as a **Senior Statesperson** in Intellectual Property by **Chambers & Partners**, in the **Silver Band** in Patents by **iAM Patent** and recognised as a **Patent Star** by **IP Stars**. He is **Recommended** in Patents by **Who's Who Legal** (Global Leaders Guide).

Fernand has been appointed as a third party decider accredited by the French Bar Association of Brussels in the context of the binding third party decision procedure (more information available [here](#)).

Fernand is the author and co-author of a number of publications in these areas of practice, including Précis du droit d'auteur et des droits voisins (2000) and La saisie-description et sa réforme (2010). He is a member of the editorial board of Revue de Droit Intellectuel l'Ingénieur-Conseil and of Journal des Tribunaux.

Fernand de Visscher is also a member of the **International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property** (AIPPI) and a former president of the Belgian group, and of the **International Literary and Artistic Association** (ALAI), the Benelux Association of Trade Mark and Design Law (BMM), the Licensing Executives' Society (LES) and the European Patent Lawyers' Association (EPLAW), of which he was a co-founder and secretary from 2000 to 2005.

UCLouvain (Philosophy, 1974; Law, 1976)

Member of Brussels Bar since 1976

RANKINGS

RANKED IN
Chambers

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A commentator reports that the team is “very good at identifying and pursuing the desired commercial aims,” and adds that the lawyers “are also particularly good at working as part of a team.”

Fernand de Visscher maintains his top ranking as a Senior Statesperson.

Emmanuel Cornu improves from Band 2 to Band 1.

Eric De Gryse keeps his ranking in Band 2.



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