



/ Intellectual Property

Our practice

Protecting your creative assets and innovations is increasingly difficult and complex. At ALTIUS, we understand the challenges in IP protection and can provide unique and strategic solutions.

Our IP team is one of the largest IP teams in Belgium. Its expertise covers all the traditional branches of IP law over a wide-range of industry sectors. We also handle emerging technology-related disciplines.

ALTIUS has been involved in ground-breaking litigation before the European courts (both the Court of Justice and the General Court) and the Benelux Court of Justice, as well as in numerous high-profile IP cases before the Belgian courts.

ALTIUS' IP department is ranked in the top-tier and has been highly recommended over the last decade by leading international legal directories:

Band 1 Firm - Chambers Europe, 2020
Tier 1 Firm - Legal 500, 2020
Tier 1 - Managing Intellectual Property's IP Stars 2019
Gold Firm - IAM Patent 1000 2019
Gold Firm - WTR 1000 2020

Our team has also won numerous awards both at the Belgian and international level.

How we can help

- Advertising law
- Copyright, software & database rights
- Geographical indications and designations of origin
- Industrial designs
- Licensing and transfer of technology
- Media law
- Patents & SPCs
- Plant variety rights
- Trade secrets and know-how
- Trademarks, trade names and domain names
- (Regulatory) data protection
- Unfair competition law



Market recognition

The “*highly experienced*” team at ALTIUS has established strength across the full range of IP work; unfair competition, trade marks, patents, and parallel trade mandates feature prominently in the group's workload. - Legal 500, 2020.

Front-running firm with an established reputation for handling a large range of significant domestic and international IP matters. - Chambers Europe, 2020.

Clients highlight that the team is “*very easy to work with*”, “*very efficient and quick*” as well as “*pleasant and personable*”, adding that the lawyers have “*a very deep understanding of the law, are very good at sending communications and at explaining the complicated Belgian legal process.*” - Chambers Europe, 2020.

Christophe Ronse stands out for his work on patent infringement and parallel import cases, particularly in the pharmaceutical sector. Clients appreciate that he is “*very good in court, very practical and produces excellent work.*” Others state “*He is and will remain an authority.*” - Chambers Europe, 2020.

Olivier Vrins is recognised as “*an outstanding individual*” within the Belgian market. He has experience in handling parallel import matters and image rights licensing agreements. - Chambers Europe, 2020.

Philippe de Jong is praised for his responsiveness, with clients stating: “*He always replies really promptly*” and “*He understands how to handle the matters and has a very thorough understanding of how our business works.*” He has a broad practice, covering patent infringements, parallel imports and plant variety rights. - Chambers Europe, 2020.

“*The undisputed number one in Belgium*”. “*ALTIUS stands out from other law firms on the market in the way that it takes clients through every part of the process. Its advice is to the point, clear and covers potential solutions for every eventuality.*” WTR 1000, 2020.

With an “*encyclopaedic knowledge of intellectual property law, Olivier Vrins is an extremely bright lawyer and friendly personality. A first-class IP lawyer who delivers business-oriented advice, he is without doubt one of the most talented IP lawyers in Belgium*”. WTR 1000, 2020.

Clients enthuse that lawyers at the firm are “*very knowledgeable, quick in giving applicable advice and very hands-on in their approach.*” Interviewees describe the group as “*the leading firm in Belgian IP law*”, adding that “*they set the standard.*” - Chambers Europe, 2019.



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