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Vincent Bergeron

Partner, ROBIC, LLP

Vincent Bergeron is a partner, lawyer and trademark agent at ROBIC, LLP in Quebec City, Canada. He advises clients on the protection and enforcement of intellectual property assets related to information technology, in the fields of software, mobile applications, gaming industry, Internet of Things (IoT), wearables, virtual and augmented reality and artificial intelligence. He has already presented and published more than 90 conferences and articles on emerging issues of intellectual property and information technology for multiple organizations around the world.

Vincent Bergeron was recently awarded the Louis-Philippe Pigeon Award by the Quebec Young Bar Association and the Raymond-Blais Medal by Laval University, as well as the title of Young Business Person of the Year in Quebec City.

He is actively involved in multiple associations and organizations, including as Vice-Chair of Communications for the Licensing Executives Society International (LESI)'s Young Members Congress (YMC) and as President of the Information, Telecommunication and Intellectual Property Section of the Canadian Bar Association, Quebec Division. He also cofounded the crowdfunding platform La Ruche, which contributes to the influence and vitality of the Province of Quebec.



Sebastien Provencher

LLP Director, Strategy & Solutions, Element AI

Sebastien Provencher is Director, Strategy & Solutions and one of the early employees at Element AI (Twitter: @element_ai). Serial entrepreneur with more than 17 years of experience successfully building digital products and services, Sébastien's recent roles include Vice-President stints at HomeAdvisor and Acquisio. He co-founded two startups, including VC-funded Needium, where he worked as Vice President, Product Management and Business Development between 2007 and 2012. From 1999 to 2007, he played an instrumental role in formulating Yellow Pages Group's online strategy in Canada.

Sébastien is also mentor in the startup accelerator FounderFuel and adviser to several young tech companies. He can be found on Twitter at @sebprovencher.

Bastian Best

Partner, BARDEHLE PAGENBERG

Bastian Best is a European and German patent attorney and a partner at BARDEHLE PAGENBERG.

Having worked as a software developer for several years he nowadays prosecutes, litigates and defends patents for software inventions (“software patents”).

His technical focus lies on industrial software, business software, cloud-based solutions, apps, computer games and the Internet of Things.

Bastian is also competent in the fields of mechanical and electrical engineering, medical devices, sports equipment and telecommunications technology.

As the co-author of the chapter on Germany in “Software Patents Worldwide”, Bastian is always up-to-date on drafting software patent claims that are valid and enforceable in Germany and beyond. He regularly holds a lecture on patent strategies for start-ups at the CDTM in Munich.



Norbert Sepp

IT specialist, IT Architect and Consultant, IBM

Norbert Sepp received his MSc in Electronical Engineering from the Budapest University of Technology in 1995, and his BSc in Economy from the Budapest University of Economic Sciences in 1994.

He joined IBM in 1996 to work with business computers in the post-sales division, and later moved on to various local and international pre-sales technical positions as IT specialist, IT Architect and Consultant.

He has over 15 years of teaching experience in topics like Business Computers and Technology Innovation, he is a regular speaker and panelist on conferences, and a technical advisor in several innovation projects.

Recently, he focuses on Cognitive Computing and acts as an ambassador for Watson, IBM's Cognitive System.





Péter Benyó

Chief Executive Officer, OTP Mobile

Peter is the leader of OTP Mobile, the company behind the Simple application introduced in 2014, which provides an unmatched and comprehensive shopping experience to its users on three mobile platforms.

Being an avid fan of the latest technologies, Peter firmly believes mobile payment should not be regarded as a plain transaction process but rather a true experience by combining ground-breaking ideas with tools available in a given environment.

For the past ten years, he has been working on contactless payment technologies. Prior to establishing OTP Mobile, he started his career at OTP Bank (Hungary's largest retail bank) as a project manager – where he had a substantial role in managing the introduction of PayPass to the Hungarian market -, and later served as the division head of the bank's card business department, specializing in contactless payment solutions. He has also been giving lectures on digital product development and database technology at János Selye University.



Gregory Bacon

Senior Associate, BRISTOWS

Greg is an experienced contentious IP specialist whose advice covers the full range of IP rights and extends across all industries. He also advises on wider issues relevant to the life sciences sector.

Greg's particular focus is on patent litigation, where he has extensive experience of acting before both the English Patents Court and Court of Appeal. In addition, he has a wealth of experience managing strategic multinational litigation in multiple jurisdictions, including at the EPO. Greg's extensive scientific background gives him a valuable understanding of technical issues that can underlie IP matters, particularly in the life sciences field.

Greg is a regular contributor to the CIPA Journal's monthly EPO reports and writes on UK cases for a number of IP blogs. He is also one of the editors of Bristows' Biotech Review publication, and co-authored the UK chapter of the AIPLA's International Patent Litigation guide.

Thomas Schachl

Partner, WALLINGER RICKER SCHLOTTER TOSTMANN



Thomas Schachl, LL.M. is a lawyer and since 2014 partner with WALLINGER RICKER SCHLOTTER TOSTMANN in Munich (Germany).

He is active in intellectual property for more than 10 years, in particular focused on patent litigation in the areas mechanical engineering (automotive), medical devices, IT, electronics and software implemented inventions. Further, he provides advice in intellectual property related transactions and IP due diligence, IP contracts and licensing agreements, as well as employee invention matters (remuneration and entitlement matters).

He is further counselling in trademark and design matters as well as in IP related unfair competition disputes, border seizures, trade fair disputes and he also advises in out of court negotiations and represents clients before German courts and the upcoming Unified Patent Courts.

Thomas represents a wide range of national and international corporations and SME's. Thomas is a member of the LESI and the German LES Chapter and co-ordinates the recruitment/ Membership for Europe for the Young Members Committee.

On a regular basis Thomas is issuing publications and is presenting on questions and aspects of German and international IP law.



Sherry Rollo

Partner, Hahn Loeser

Sherry Rollo is partner in Hahn Loeser's intellectual property practice area who represents a broad array of clients in matters involving patents, trademarks, trade secrets and unfair competition, copyrights, and associated licensing issues, both domestically and internationally. An experienced litigator and licensed patent attorney, Sherry regularly appears in courts across the country.

Sherry also has significant experience counseling clients with respect to transactional matters including patent protection, portfolio management, and licensing.

She represents clients large and small in technical areas spanning pharma, ethanol processing, recycling and industrial resource recovery, camera phones, dental instruments, ultrasonic laser seam welding, medical devices, precision cutting tools, healthcare management systems, agricultural machinery, plastic films, aluminum extrusions and electric motors.

Sherry is equally adept at handling trademark and copyright matters, including world-wide portfolio management, litigation and arguing before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.

Sherry also regularly represents clients in matters involving the protection and enforcement of trade secrets, including litigation involving departing employees, preliminary injunctions and expedited discovery.

She also has assisted clients in implementing trade secrets audit programs, negotiating JV agreements and confidentiality/non-disclosure arrangements, developing strategies for conducting effective exit interviews, and recovering computer forensic evidence.

Richard Worthington

Partner, Withers & Rogers LLP

Richard Worthington is a Partner at Withers & Rogers LLP. He has over a decade of experience in protecting and enforcing patent and design rights. His patent experience lies mainly in the fields of mechanical and electrical engineering and he holds a masters degree in aeronautical engineering. His clients includes several multi-national enterprises, with a particular emphasis on aerospace and defence, automotive, clean energy, packaging and medical device technologies.

Richard has a wealth of experience in all aspects of patent practice. In addition to patent drafting and prosecution work around the world he is experienced in portfolio management, invention harvesting, litigation and European Patent Office Opposition and Appeal proceedings, IP ownership in collaborative projects, licensing and entitlement dispute resolution, and freedom to operate, validity and infringement opinions.



Imre Gonda

Head of IP Department, Richter Gedeon Nyrt.

Imre Gonda is the head of IP Department of Pharmaceutical Company, Richter Gedeon Nyrt. He holds a law degree and a diploma in advanced legal studies in EU law. He has been working for the Hungarian IP Office for 16 years, where he worked in various positions dealing with domestic, European and international IP law and practice. He used to be the deputy-head of Trademark, Model and Design Department, responsible for managing ex parte and inter partes trademark procedures. He was a member of the Administrative Board of the Visegrád Patent Institute (PCT Search Authority).

He has represented Hungarian positions in numerous international fora and negotiations on IP rights; trademark, design and geographical indications in particular, including the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), EU and several regional cooperation. Mr. Gonda represented Hungary during the negotiations on the revision of the Lisbon system and he was chairing the WIPO Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT). He is the author of a number of publications and a regular speaker on issues related to Trademarks and Geographical Indications.





Luca Árpási

Legal manager, Darts IP

Luca Árpási is working as a legal manager for Darts-IP, managing patent data extraction and analysis for Northern Europe. Besides legal data management she is responsible for case collection and business development in Hungary.

Luca studied in Norway, gained her law and international relations degrees in Hungary and graduated from the European Intellectual Property Law LLM at the University of Stockholm in 2016. Before joining Darts-IP, during her studies she had gained valuable experience by working at a law firm and an international tribunal.



Alexander Haertel

Partner, Kather Augenstein

Alexander has been active as a lawyer since 2004, before joining Preu Bohlig & Partner as a lawyer in 2006. He is one of the founding partners of Kather Augenstein. The IAM Magazine 2014 included him in the "IAM Patent 1000 – The World's leading Patent Professionals" in the category "Individuals Infringement – Bronze".

He advises and represents national and international companies of all sizes. The focus of his work is in litigation for technical intellectual property rights (patents, utility models). He is also active in the field of soft IP, and particularly advises his clients in matters of trademarks, design and unfair competition law. Alexander also has particular experience in the management of cross-border proceedings, in particular in the field of mobile phone companies. He has acted in a series of disputes between major mobile phone companies. He also is constantly asked to participate in validity proceedings before the German Federal Patent Court or the EPO.

He is a member of the Licensing Executives Society International (LESI), and is Vice-Chair of the Dispute Resolution Committee. In addition he co-ordinates the external relations for the Young Members Committee. Alexander is tasked with the management of the Committee on Patent Law in the Working Group on Intellectual Property and Media (AGEM) of the Deutscher Anwaltverein (German Association of Lawyers). He is also a member of EPLAW and GRUR. Alexander regularly lectures and publishes on various topics in the field of intellectual property.

Eszter Szakács

Partner, Sár and Partners

Eszter is an attorney-at-law and partner of Sár and Partners, a strongly IP focused team of lawyers enjoying prestigious reputation in Hungary for representing and advising prominent international clients in the field of IP and e-commerce. Having joined Sár and Partners in 2004, Eszter has experience with all forms of IP with main focus on the enforcement and licensing of patents.

She advises and represents clients from various industries arching through electronics, telecommunication, energy and agriculture and she is particularly experienced in pharmaceutical patent litigation and regulatory issues.

• She authors several articles and country specific chapters in the field of patent law and as member of EPLAW she is a regular contributor of the EPLAW Patent Blog.

She also co-chairs the Mentoring Program of LESI Young Members Committee.

In 2017 she was listed as leading individual in the field of IP law in Legal500, mentioned in IAM Patent1000 and also ranked in Managing Intellectual Property's Top 250 Women in IP.



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