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Widely reputed for his broad expertise in IP matters, over the years – and due to his solid reputation amongst the Belgian Biotech Cluster – Geert has developed a particularly strong expertise in the life sciences sector, and regularly advises companies on a wide range of regulatory and lifecycle management issues. He represents life sciences clients before the European, Benelux and Belgian courts.

From 2009 until 2017, Geert was the chairman of the Benelux Council for Intellectual Property (BCIP), which advises the Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) on all aspects of IP legislation. Geert also advised the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) on IP issues related to the Internet, and he is an accredited WIPO and ICC arbitrator.

Geert is a thought leader on IP issues and his views are often sought by Reuters, Bloomberg, the FT and the WSJ. He is also the country correspondent for Belgium for the Bio-Science law review, and is regularly invited to speak and write on regulatory Life Sciences topics.

For more than 15 years, Geert has been ranked as market-leading individual in the area of IP by various independent legal directories such as Chambers, Legal 500, WTR 1000 and Managing IP.