

CV

Stephanie Wuyts

Partner

Admitted to the Bars of Brussels (2008-2011, 2020) and Ghent (2011-2014), Belgium

Practices in Dutch, French and English

Education

Stephanie Wuyts graduated in law from the University of Leuven in 2007 (KU Leuven, Cum Laude). She spent one semester at the University of Toulouse I as an Erasmus student. In 2008, she obtained an LL.M. degree in European Competition and Intellectual Property Law from the University of Liège (ULg, Magna Cum Laude).

Professional experience

Stephanie joined Fencer in 2020 to enforce its prosecution and formalities department. She brings extensive experience as a Benelux and EU Trademark and Design Attorney with her. Stephanie has notable knowledge in managing large international trademark portfolios and provides clients with legal and strategic advice on the maintenance, protection and optimization of their IP portfolios. She conducts legal proceedings relating to designs, trademarks as well as domain names before the BOIP, EUIPO and WIPO.

Prior to joining Fencer, Stephanie worked as a trademark and design attorney for a large Pan-European firm. Besides managing her own client portfolio, she was responsible within the firm for knowledge management, and she often gave presentations to internal and external clients on IP related topics.

Stephanie started her career as an IP lawyer at the bars of Brussels and Ghent. She gained experience in IP conflict and litigation matters, pleading cases before the commercial and the criminal courts in Belgium. She also received extensive training in contract drafting, including license agreements, distribution agreements and confidentiality agreements, as well as in the drafting of general conditions, privacy statements and terms of use. Furthermore, Stephanie developed a specific interest in privacy and data protection matters and advised clients on those topics.

During her years as a lawyer, Stephanie also performed an inhouse assignment at a large Belgian company, where she helped the client with the administration of its IP portfolio, and where she further developed her business-oriented approach.

Memberships

BMM (Benelux Association for Trade Mark and Design Law - member of the Program Commission)

ECTA (European Community Trademark Association)

Articles

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