

PARTNER, IP ENFORCEMENT AND LITIGATION

## Stijn Debaene

I am a partner in the intellectual property department of Fieldfisher's Brussels office. For more than 15 years, I have been litigating cases in all areas of intellectual property law (copyrights, trademarks and patents) in a variety of sectors but with a particular focus on the media and telecom industries.

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### Professional Profile and Bio

Stijn's team's IP litigation clients range from small designers like La Fille d'O, over major entertainment production companies like Studio 100 to BEL 20 companies like Telenet or multinationals like Vitra.

For these and other clients Stijn and his team have been involved in several landmark cases like the Telenet / United Video Properties patent litigation case which went up to the Court of Justice of the European Union "ECJ". (C-57/15).

Besides the IP litigation practice, Stijn and his team have also built a nice sports law practice, which has led them to represent professional football players and cyclists before a wide variety of national and international arbitration panels. They are also active on the transactional front and have, for example, negotiated Marouane Fellaini's transfer to his current Chinese club or TV rights deals with the Premier League.

His team is consistently well ranked in the Chambers Europe and Legal 500 legal directories as well as in more IP focused directories like the 'IAM Patent 1000' and the 'Word Trademark Review 1000' rankings.

He has attended four universities in four different languages. He accomplished his Bachelor at the Université de Namur, his Master at the Catholic University of Leuven (including one Erasmus year at the Università degli Studi di Siena in Italy) and an LL.M at Columbia University School of Law.

## What others say...

“ One client describes him as "extremely clever, smart, responsive and really a super lawyer." ”

Chambers Europe, 2020 – Intellectual Property

“ Debaene heads up the IP department and seamlessly traverses the contentious/non-contentious divide. An out-of-the-box thinker and multilingualist, Debaene is someone to have in your corner. ”

World Trademark Review 1000 2020

“ Commentators highlight that Stijn Debaene is "*efficient and someone who gets straight to the point and has a good relationship with clients*". ”

Chambers Europe 2019

“ The 'super efficient' Stijn Debaene and 'very responsive' Hakim Haouideg are the key individuals. ”

The Legal 500 2019

“ Blending IP, unfair competition and regulatory expertise, head of practice Debaene is the person to call for holistic counsel. ”

IAM Patent 1000 2019

“ Debaene and Haouideg are hailed as *“excellent team players and highly professional and superb litigators”*. ”

World Trademark Review 1000 2019

“ *They are energetic, efficient and can think on their feet. Most importantly, they are brilliantly creative and tenacious.* ”

World Trademark Review 1000 2018