

Resumes of the speakers

Jos Klaus is part of the practice group IP & Technology of BarentsKrans. Jos' practice focusses on copyright, design and trade mark law, as well as anti-counterfeiting and online IP enforcement. Jos has experience in advising and litigating for national and international companies in the field of luxury goods, household goods, fashion, beverages, chemistry and electro-technology. He also assisted television & media production companies, financial institutions and collation societies. Before joining BarentsKrans, Jos worked at a European IP boutique firm in Amsterdam.

Sophie Lens specialises in intellectual property matters, with particular expertise in trademark and patent litigation, anti-counterfeiting and parallel-trade matters. Her legal practice also includes unfair market practices, advertising, as well as drafting opinions and contracts in IP-related matters. Sophie has a Master of Laws from the Université Catholique de Louvain-la-Neuve as well as a Master in Intellectual Property from the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. Before graduating, Sophie went to the University of Valencia as part of the Erasmus Exchange Programme. Sophie is a member of the: 'Association Internationale pour la Protection de la Propriété Intellectuelle', 'Association Internationale des Jeunes Avocats', the French association, 'Association des Praticiens du droit des Marques et des Modèles', and the Belgium association, 'Association Belge pour le droit d'Auteur'. Sophie is an author and co-author of various publications, and frequently participates as a speaker, moderator and/or co-organiser at various conferences and seminars, particularly on IP issues.

Manon Rieger-Jansen is a partner in Bird & Bird's Intellectual Property Practice. She is based in The Hague. Manon has over 20 years of experience and has a particular focus on both contentious and non-contentious trademark, design, copyright, domain name, unfair competition and advertising law. Her practice includes global strategic advice on intellectual property rights, the protection and registration of trademark and design portfolios. Manon is an experienced litigator and many of the cases she is working on have an international angle and hence she has over the years developed a particular experience in pan-European enforcement strategies.

Alexander Tsoutsanis is an attorney-at-law and legal director at the Amsterdam office of DLA Piper. He litigates and counsels clients in all legal areas of creating, marketing, protecting and monetizing their ideas and Intellectual Property. Alexander quickly gets to grips with new technologies and products, routinely handling trademarks, patents, (digital) copyright, designs, internet law and unfair competition matters. In addition to his experience before the Dutch courts, Alexander has also handled cases before the European Court of Justice, the General Court, the Benelux Court of Justice, the European Patent Office as well as the appeal, cancellation and opposition divisions of the EUIPO. Alexander is the (co-)author of several books and over 40 other publications. His works have been cited by the Dutch Supreme Court, the UK High Court and the European Court of Justice. Alexander has also acted as an expert for the European Commission, the European Patent Office and the IP Observatory of the EUIPO. Alexander was involved in the Skykick / Sky decision, to be discussed at the BMM meeting.