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Partner

Paul Clarkson is a Partner in Howrey's Amsterdam office. He is qualified as a European and British patent attorney. Mr. Clarkson has a general engineering background (covering mechanical engineering, electronics and material science) and is involved in all aspects of the patent procurement practice, including applying for patents and conducting oppositions. He advises clients across a broad range of industries covering agriculture and life sciences. Paul also handles applications with the US Patent and Trademark Office together with our US patent attorneys for various clients.

Before joining Howrey in 2001, Mr. Clarkson worked for 14 years as an examiner with the European Patent Office. His knowledge of the internal procedures at the EPO provides a major contribution to the efficiency of Howrey's patent practice. As an examiner, he specialized in the field of medical equipment.

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EDUCATION

Queen Mary University of London
(Certificate in IP, 2002)

University of Cambridge (MA
Engineering, 1987)

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- *Procurement of IP rights.* Provides patentability searches and evaluations, drafting of patent applications and representation of clients before the various patent offices. Clients are also represented in opposition proceedings and appeals before the EPO and re-examination, reissue and appeal proceedings before the USPTO. Clients Mr. Clarkson represents include Lely Enterprises, Ten Cate Advanced Textiles, Organon, and Gillette.
- *Competitor and market analysis.* Monitors and analyzes client competitors' patenting behavior and provides freedom to operate advice and product clearance. Represents clients as well in oppositions, re-examination and appeals before the EPO and USPTO against third party patents that may impede the client's freedom to operate. Clients Mr. Clarkson represents in this field include Lely, Oxycell Holding and Pinlock.
- *IP counselling.* Based on thorough IP portfolio analyses, provides IP portfolio management and strategy advice to clients. Additionally, Mr. Clarkson offers clients IP valuation advice and IP pledging services to maximise return on investment and detect financing opportunities. A client he represents in this field include Oxycell Holding.
- *Licensing.* Assists clients in finding licensing opportunities, drafting license agreements and represents or supports clients in licensing negotiations. Mr. Clarkson's clients in this field include Lely Enterprises and Oxycell Holding.

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- *Litigation and mediation support.* Provides technical reports for submission in legal proceedings, such as validity analyses or infringement assessments, supporting attorneys in drafting trial briefs and preparing technical drawings, tables and charts for reference during oral pleadings. Clients Mr. Clarkson supports in this field include KDR and Machinefabriek Geurtsen.

COURTS & ADJUDICATIVE BODIES

- European Patent Office
- United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office
- Patents County Court
- Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys
- Member, The Institute of Professional Representatives before the European Patent Office (EPI)

PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

ARTICLES

"Backlogs Make Waves at the EPO; A Rough Ride for US Applicants." *World Intellectual Property Report* Vol. 12 (December 2001): 23-26. Co-authored with Noel J. Akers.

"Who Runs the European Patent Office?" *Intellectual Property Newsletter* (December 2003). Co-authored with Marc Broyde.

BOOKS

European Patents Handbook. Sweet & Maxwell (1990). Co-authored with Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (C.I.P.A.).

LANGUAGES

- English
- Dutch
- French
- German
- Spanish