



Patent Attorney

For our IP team in Gorinchem, we are looking for an enthusiastic **Patent Attorney** to help us in the always increasing activities and role of the IP department.

In this position, you will join the global team and assist in securing, protecting and actively building the Intellectual Property position of Corbion. As our new colleague you will deal with a broad variation of IP topics ranging from typical Patent Attorney subjects like creation of Intellectual Property rights and ensuring freedom-to-operate to less typical Patent Attorney subjects like support in negotiations around IP in business deals and in strategic decisions around innovation and the direction hereof, mapping out competition and business opportunities and acting as a true business partner to sales, market and application development and R&D. Will you join us in proactively creating Corbion's path for the future?

Responsibilities

As our new Patent Attorney you will yourself and/or through the use of external patent firms be involved in drafting, filing and prosecution of patent applications and the drafting of various opinions on patentability and risks assessments including opinions for (in)validity and freedom to operate. Other responsibilities:

- Support in negotiations with third parties and in defining the IP principles to be put in the contracts
- Support in monitoring and reporting on patent activities of competitors and customers through IP Watch
- Creating organizational awareness on how to handle, secure and protect IP within the company through training of people and defining and implementing guidelines and IP policies
- Patent portfolio management and reporting out to business and management
- Assistance in defining and enforcing the Corporate IP Strategy and the various Business IP Strategies
- Assistance in defining part of the Business Strategies and the Innovation/R&D Strategy
- Be a business partner and participate in bridging IP with R&D, Sales, Regulatory, Legal and many more departments

Requirements

We are looking for a Patent Attorney with technical expertise related to chemical process technology & product development or food sciences. In addition, a successful candidate meets the following requirements:

- MSc or PhD in (Bio) Chemical Engineering, Life / Molecular Science & Technology, Food Technology
- Registered Dutch Patent Attorney and European Patent Attorney
- 5-7 years of experience in free practice or industry
- Strong communication and social skills (and a sense of humor)
- Solution-driven but not afraid to say no if necessary
- Good analytical and reporting skills
- The courage to work in a dynamic, opportunistic and sometimes very demanding high-stakes environment as the IP subject matters expert

About Corbion

Corbion is the global market leader in lactic acid and its derivatives, and a leading supplier of emulsifiers, functional enzyme blends, minerals, vitamins, and algae ingredients. We use our unique expertise in fermentation and other processes to deliver sustainable solutions for the preservation of food and food production, health, and our planet. For over 100 years, we have been uncompromising in our commitment to safety, quality, innovation and performance. Drawing on our deep application and product knowledge, we work side-by-side with customers to make our cutting-edge technologies work for them. Our solutions help differentiate products in markets such as food, home & personal care, animal nutrition, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and bioplastics. In 2019, Corbion generated annual sales of € 976.4 million and had a workforce of 2.138 FTE. Corbion is listed on Euronext Amsterdam. For more information:

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