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ALTIUS and De Clercq & Partners launch Altius De Clercq: one integrated UPC Litigation Team

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ALTIUS and De Clercq & Partners today announce the launch of **Altius De Clercq**, a new collaboration dedicated exclusively to patent litigation before the Unified Patent Court (UPC).

Altius De Clercq brings together ALTIUS' litigation strength and De Clercq & Partners' technical excellence in **one fully integrated UPC Litigation Team**. With **27 qualified UPC Representatives**, led by **8 experienced partners**, the team combines depth, scale and hands-on experience to support clients across the full spectrum of UPC disputes.

The team advises and represents clients across the **full spectrum of UPC disputes**, including strategic case assessment, evidence-gathering proceedings, first-instance actions and appeals. The collaboration is designed to provide clients with seamless, pragmatic and commercially grounded support in a rapidly evolving UPC landscape.

"Altius De Clercq reflects a shared ambition to represent clients in UPC litigation in a manner that is both technically robust and strategically decisive," says **Christophe Ronse**, partner in ALTIUS' patent litigation team.

"By integrating legal and technical expertise in one team, we are able to support clients with clarity, speed and focus – exactly what UPC litigation requires," adds **Ann De Clercq**, founding partner of **De Clercq & Partners**.

Both firms emphasise that **nothing will change for clients not involved in UPC litigation**: ALTIUS and De Clercq & Partners will continue to operate independently and under their own names, and all non-UPC advice and litigation services will remain available from the respective firms through the same trusted advisors.

Throughout 2026, Altius De Clercq will also roll out a range of **client-focused tools, insights and support offerings**, aimed at helping clients navigate UPC litigation with confidence.

Altius De Clercq will officially present its UPC Litigation Team at the **Pharma & Biotech Patent Litigation Summit** in Amsterdam (19–21 January 2026), where the team will host roundtable sessions and a launch reception at Café de Schreierstoren.

More information about Altius De Clercq and its UPC Litigation Team is available at [**www.upc-patents.com**](http://www.upc-patents.com).

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