



EUROPEAN PATENT AND
TRADEMARK ATTORNEYS

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Locatie: Mechelen or Ghent

NLO, a leading IP-firm based in the Netherlands and Belgium, is growing and looking for a (almost/recently) qualified European Patent Attorney.

As a patent attorney, you play an important role in bringing innovation to the market. Thanks to the combination of your technical expertise and your legal skills, you enable your clients in building their IP position – be that from scratch or through ongoing innovation. This is achieved by providing strategic patent support, which is proactive, commercially attuned and responsive to the demands of the client. One key aspect to the role is the need to become involved in post-grant matters, especially oppositions before the EPO; NLO is highly active in this area of IP.

Our Biotechnology Section is providing its attorneys with a highly revered direct client base ranged from Universities to start-ups and also middle size companies. You will be in the privileged position to sit down with the inventors, heads of research, in-house attorneys, business and commercial leaders. IP is the main asset of start-ups and this is the reason they deserve a tailor made advice. From time to time we even work in house for one day to further strengthen synergy.

You will join a team of experienced patent attorneys who have come from differing backgrounds: industry or academia but who share the same vision of what IP should mean to a start-up. You are a strong personality who can impart knowledge and experience across the team when required but who can also show consistent high work output. Your career trajectory is aimed to becoming (Associate) Partner and you will be given the 'tools' to help you get there.

Who you are

- You are a (recently) qualified European patent attorney, or you have sat the EQE exam in 2021 or earlier;
- You will come to this position with a PhD in molecular biology, biochemistry, immunology or plant biology. Due to the variety of clients and the breadth of technologies, the position can be 'dressed' to suit you;
- If you have experience of post-grant matters, then this would be useful although not critical to the post;
- Demonstrable business acumen and knowledge with the ability to quickly understand key IP issues relating to a business.
- Proven ability to work in teams, motivate and inspire others towards a common goal.
- Strong Emotional Intelligence in order to understand the heart of a client's requirements, which may not be extrinsically communicated.
- Excellent listening and communication skills with the ability to engage with legal, commercial, sales and marketing teams within the firm.

What do we offer?

NLO, one of the larger firms of intellectual property consultants specialized in Biotechnology in Belgium, offers excellent and competitive terms of employment, which include a 13th month, turnover bonus, group insurance, meal and eco vouchers and ongoing education and development. We pride ourselves in our commercial attitude and we encourage an open and informal corporate culture with excellent opportunities for promotion.

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Please, send your motivation letter and CV in English before 22 March 2021. You could submit your application via our website: www.careers.nlo.eu and use the application button at the bottom of this vacancy.

Do you have any questions? Please contact our recruiter Astrid van Doorn: +31 621105091 or careers@nlo.eu