



The European Patent Office is currently recruiting a

Lawyer (*reference no. INT/EXT/4767*)

for its Legal Department in The Hague (The Netherlands).

The Department provides legal services to (the management of) various units across the Office with an emphasis in The Hague. Main areas served are General Administration, Human Resources and Information Management. The core activities consist of:

- support to the Office's procurement activities (tenders, contract negotiations)
- advice on the interpretation of international, national and the EPO's internal law
- participating in Office-wide project groups
- litigation

Main Duties:

- Providing legal advice in (international) contractual and procurement related matters including the drafting of contracts, especially in the areas of IT-law, work and services contracts as well as licensing and copyright law
- Participating in or leading of contract negotiations
- Issuing legal opinions in contractual and liability matters, in the area of internal law of the Organisation and its privileges and immunities as well as in tax and custom related matters
- Out of court enforcement of contractual and non contractual rights as well as preparation and monitoring of court and/or arbitration proceedings
- Participation in working groups
- Drafting and monitoring of standard contracts

The ideal candidate will:

- be a fully qualified lawyer with profound knowledge of German law
- have a minimum of 5 years of relevant working experience in an international law firm or in the legal department of an international company
- have an excellent command of English and German as well as knowledge of French
- have very good knowledge of the above mentioned areas of law

Candidate Profile:

- team player
- very good communication and conflict resolution skills
- willingness to integrate in a multicultural working environment
- systematic, results- and service-oriented way of working

Minimum qualifications:

Diploma of completed studies at university level or - in exceptional cases - equivalent professional experience. Excellent knowledge of one official language (English, German or French) and ability to understand the other two.

The successful candidates will be selected on the basis of qualifications, supplemented as appropriate by interviews and/or tests.

More details of main duties, requirements and minimum qualifications can be found at the web address: <http://www.epo.org/about-us/jobs/vacancies/other/int-ext-4767.html>

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