



## Sonia PHILIPPOT

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*Sonia began her career within the E.M.E.A Intellectual Property Department of IBM, and thereafter worked in an IP Firm before joining Germain Maureau in 2007.*

### Work Experience

- **Since 2007: Germain Maureau**

*Area of expertise:* trademarks, designs / copyright, contracts, litigation (infringement, invalidity, unfair competition ...), designations of origin and geographical indications (AOC-IGP)

Sonia provides pragmatic support to her clients (foreign correspondents, major accounts, SMEs) in their industrial property strategy (acquisition, management and optimisation of trademark and design portfolios) in sectors as varied as the food industry, the luxury goods industry, chemicals, logistics and wines.

More generally, she assists them in all aspects of their intellectual property issues, both in advice and pre-litigation.

Sonia also acts for her clients in raising awareness of intellectual property among operational staff and cross-functional departments, and runs workshops as part of training programmes for doctoral students in science on the theme of "Research and Industry - The Stakes of Intellectual Property".

She has extensive experience in Swiss trademark and design law.

- Follow-up of the filing, examination and granting of trademark and design rights
- Prior art searches and availability analyses
- Drafting of assignment, licence and coexistence agreements for intellectual property rights
- Advice and definition of strategies for the protection and defence of rights
- Follow-up of oppositions and responses to notices
- Pre-litigation and litigation

## Qualifications

- French & Swiss Intellectual Property Attorney
- European Trademark and Design Attorney
- Master's degree in Business Law
- Postgraduate degree in Intellectual Property Law, Industrial Agreements and New Technologies Law – class valedictorian  
Dissertation on "Cross-Border Injunctions" under the supervision of Professor Christian Le Stanc with honours.

## Professional Memberships

- French Patent & Trademark Attorneys Institute (CNCPI)
- Rhône-Alpes Branch of AIPPI (GRAPI)

## Languages

- French
- English