

Paolo Ernesto Crippa

Partner, Head of Patent Area. Italian and European Patent Attorney, Professional Representative in Community Design matters before the EUIPO.

Languages: native Italian speaker, fluent in English

Role: Chief Patent Officer

Office: Milan, Kilometro Rosso (Bergamo)

Work experience

Before joining Jacobacci & Partners in 1999, Paolo worked at CNR (National Council of Research) - ITIA with a focus on experimental dynamic analysis of machine tools and anthropomorphic robots, and specialized in advanced techniques in applied acoustic and multi-body dynamics before the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium. Paolo gained industry experience in Germany, Sweden and Italy at the ABB Corporate Research dynamic laboratories with a focus on finite element modeling, experimental modal analysis and acoustic characterization of complex high voltage and medium voltage switchgear, train locomotors, electrical motors and transformers. He is the named inventor on several patents. Paolo specializes in intellectual property law, especially patent law, in areas involving high technical or scientific content. As a patent and design attorney Paolo has represented and advised clients ranging from research institutions and highly specialized local companies to multi-national corporations.

Professional focus

Paolo has an extensive practice drafting, prosecuting and enforcing European and Italian patent applications relating to engineering subject-matter and a significant experience handling oppositions and appeal proceedings before the European Patent Office, including multiparty proceedings and hearings. He has also been involved in international patent counseling, licensing and litigation in Italy, USA, China, UK, Germany, Turkey and France. Paolo has counseled clients in the evaluation, protection, and transfer of IP rights, including providing technical-legal expertise in worldwide patent protection and the coordination of technical-legal strategies in global IP disputes.

Areas of expertise

Paolo represents companies in a variety of technologies including automotive brake systems, medical devices, machine tools, railway equipment, construction equipment, tractors and trailers, printing machines, textile machines, domestic and industrial electrical equipment, servomotors, illuminating devices, household appliances, valve systems for chemical plants, heating equipment, furniture, luxury devices, packaging and material handling systems, cast devices and plants.

Awards

- 2026 - Featured by IAM Patent 1000 as one of the world's top 1000 patent professionals: "*Crippa focuses on high-science and engineering-driven inventions, drawing on academic and industry experience to advise on drafting, prosecution and cross-border enforcement strategies*".
- 2026 - Ranked as Patent Star by MIP-IP Stars.
- 2025 - Featured by IAM Patent 1000 as one of the world's top 1000 patent professionals: "*Paolo is a top-level attorney possessing profound legal knowledge, technical expertise and commercial insights*".
- 2024 - Featured by IAM Patent 1000 as one of the world's top 1000 patent professionals: "*A named inventor himself, Crippa brings a wealth of industry experience to the table*".
- 2023 - Featured by IAM Patent 1000 as one of the world's top 1000 patent professionals: "*Paolo regularly leverages his extensive research expertise*".
- Mentioned in the Leaders League 2021.

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