



**Jean-Michel Le Bihan**

French Patent and Trademark Attorney, European Patent Attorney. Graduated in biology and materials from ISTIA of ANGERS University.

Languages: native French speaker, fluent in English

Areas of competence: Trademarks, Patents

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## **Work experience**

After graduation, Jean-Michel joined IP firm Harlé & Phélip in 1986. For more than 30 years Jean-Michel has assisted small and mid-size innovative companies for protecting their intellectual property in Europe and abroad. In 2005, he became partner of Harlé & Phélip which merged with Jacobacci Group.

## **Professional focus**

Jean-Michel has an extensive practice drafting and prosecuting French, European and PCT patent applications relating to engineering subject-matter and experience handling oppositions and appeal proceedings before the European Patent Office. He also has been involved in patent litigation in France. He assists his clients in drafting and negotiating IP Agreements. He represents patent owners and opponents before the European Patent Office. He also has accompanied several clients in patent validity and infringements disputes.

## **Areas of expertise**

Jean-Michel mainly works on engineering matters and has particular expertise in the fields of mechanical engineering, agricultural mechanization, packaging, packaging machines, medical and surgical devices, biotechnologies, chemistry. His expertise encompasses the drafting and the prosecution of patent applications.

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