



## **Valeria Croce**

Partner, Italian and European Patent Attorney, Professional Representative in Community Design matters before the EUIPO. Valeria graduated in Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Technology at Università degli Studi di Pavia.

Languages: native Italian speaker, fluent in English and French, knowledge of German

Areas of competence: Patents

Office: Milan

## **Work experience**

At the department of Biotechnology of Technische Universiteit Delft (NL) Valeria collaborated on a project for characterizing a carboxypeptidase of *Pyrococcus furiosus* at the Enzymology Section.

Before joining Jacobacci & Partners in 2008, Valeria worked for 4 years in the Intellectual Property Department of a major Italian pharmaceutical company as a patent specialist.

## **Professional focus**

Valeria has extensive experience drafting and prosecuting European, International and Italian patent applications relating to chemical, pharmaceutical and biotechnological inventions. She has been involved in opposition procedures before the European Patent Office and has acquired substantial experience filing and prosecuting Italian and Community Design applications.

## **Areas of expertise**

Valeria's primary focus is on chemical, pharmaceutical and biotechnological matters, where she has acquired particular expertise in the fields of new chemical processes and improvement of existing processes, polymer production, enzymatic synthesis, new pharmaceutical compounds, antibody production, new medical uses, agro-food biotechnologies, plant extracts, dietary supplements, cosmetics, wastewater treatments, medical devices, fabric treatments and contrast media. In addition, Valeria has acquired experience in managing and evaluating Supplementary Certificates of Protection.

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