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Constance Rhebergen, a member of the firm's management committee, serves as chair of the firm's technology section. Ms. Rhebergen leverages her experience in litigating patent, trademark and copyright infringement cases, Internet domain name cases, trade secrets, unfair competition, as well as counseling on the protection of intellectual property assets in acquisitions and financial restructuring. She is known for quickly determining what clients need, and more importantly, what it takes to achieve these goals.

As a registered patent attorney, Ms. Rhebergen is extremely well placed to counsel and represent business clients in the identification, protection, licensing and transfer of intellectual property assets and in providing patent infringement and validity opinions. She brings to bear a comprehensive range of skills to advise businesses and government agencies in the United States, Latin America, Europe, MENA region and beyond with a proficiency on all matters concerning intellectual property, portfolio management and international intellectual property law disputes.

Ms. Rhebergen has a rich blend of skills honed over years of practice. As a result, she is highly proficient across a range of technologies, including energy, chemical and process applications, mechanical arts, and computer software. Industries served include oil and gas, hydrocarbon, processing, chemical processing, petrochemicals, agriculture and food, computer software, oil well drilling, carbon capture, synfuel, sports, education, telephone, wastewater, mechanical equipment, instrumentation, explosives, cryptocurrency and crypto mining. Ms. Rhebergen counsels numerous clients with respect to their intellectual property strategies, including registration of trademarks, copyrights and patents.

Industries

Energy

Healthcare

Technology

Practices

Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage

Cryptocurrency & Blockchain

Healthcare & Life Sciences

Intellectual Property

Litigation

Patents

Technology Transactions

Trademark & Copyrights

Credentials

Education

- University of Law, London, J.D., 1994
- University of KwaZulu-Natal, Howard College, M.B.A., 1994
- Northwestern University School of Law, B.S., Chemical Engineering, 1986

Bar Admissions

- Texas
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Languages

- German

Chambers USA

- Texas Intellectual Property, 2006 – 2012, 2014 – 2024

The Legal 500 United States

- Intellectual Property: Patents: Prosecution (Including Re-Examination and Post-Grant Proceedings), 2021 – 2022
- Intellectual Property: Patent Prosecution: Utility and Design Patents, 2011 – 2015

Newton Media Ltd

- *World IP Review*, WIPR Leaders, 2017 – 2019

Globe Business Publishing Ltd.

- *IAM Patent 1000*, 2012 – 2024

Delinian Limited

- *Managing Intellectual Property*, IP Star (Texas), 2014 – 2024
- *Managing Intellectual Property*, IP Star (United States), 2014, 2024
- *Managing Intellectual Property*, IP Stars: Top 250 Women in IP, 2013 – 2014

ALM Media Properties

- *National Law Journal*, Intellectual Property Trailblazers, 2023

National Diversity Council

- 50 Most Powerful Women in Technology, 2021

BRACEWELL

American City Business Journals

- *Houston Business Journal*, Women Who Mean Business, 2018
- *Houston Business Journal*, Top IP Litigators in Houston, 2011

Texas Diversity Council

- Houston's Top 50 Women in Law, 2017

BL Rankings

- *Best Lawyers*, Litigation – Patent, 2021 – 2025
- *Best Lawyers*, Litigation – Intellectual Property, 2023 – 2025

Law Business Research

- *World Trademark Review*, WTR 1000, 2024

Thomson Reuters

- *PLC Which Lawyer?*, 2010 – 2012
- *Super Lawyers*, Corporate Counsel Edition, 2008
- *Texas Super Lawyers*, 2006 – 2007

Globe Business Publishing Ltd.

- *Client Choice*, 2015

Resources

Dr. Bhavya Lal, Associate Administrator for Tech, Policy and Strategy (Fmr.), NASA: Exploring Space, Addressing Orbital Debris & Enjoying Golgappa!

Podcast

USPTO Lights the Way for AI Inventions to Shine

Update

Publications & Speeches

- “Keep Quiet and Carry On Under the EU Trade Secrets Directive,” *IP Magazine*, September 2016.
- “Dangerous Waters in the Safe Harbour,” *IP Magazine*, February 2016.