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Alfred is well known as one of the best experts of the European patent system and of the PCT. Alfred Spigarelli graduated in 1995 from the “Centre d’Étude International de la Propriété Intellectuelle” in Strasbourg and from the “École Nationale d’Ingénieurs de Metz” in 1985. He also passed the European Qualifying examination in 1996 and is registered in France as qualified person in industrial property (specialisation patent of invention).

Before joining the other side of the bench, Alfred was director at the European Patent Office. He was, among other things, responsible for updating the EPO Guidelines, and for implementing legal changes. Then he managed quality at EPO which he got recertified under the ISO 9001 standard in 2017. Over the last 15 years, Alfred has inspired and implemented at European level most of the major procedural and legal changes in the EPC and PCT framework.

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