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Rafał is a **partner and a co-founder of WTS Patent Attorneys**, one of the leading patent law firms in Poland. He became a certified Polish patent attorney in 1999 and a European patent attorney in 2004. He specialises in **the protection and commercialisation of inventions in the fields of biotechnology and pharmacy.**

Rafał holds a **MsC in Biotechnology**; he graduated from **the Wrocław University of Technology in 1996**. In 1996-97 he participated in **postgraduate studies on industrial property protection at Humboldt University in Berlin**. In 2003 he obtained a **Max-Planck Foundation scholarship** for a research stay at the Max-Planck Institute of Industrial Property Protection and Tax Law in Munich.

He acquired his initial professional experience at the Office for Patent Protection of the Wrocław University of Technology (1997) and at the largest Polish office for industrial property protection (1998-2002) as a patent attorney responsible for biotechnological and pharmaceutical inventions.

As a co-founding partner of **WTS Patent Attorneys**, he has specialised in legal advice relating to the **identification of and minimizing patent risks inherent in the market entry of pharmaceuticals**. He has conducted many court processes before the Polish Patent Office and civil courts, in cases concerning patent invalidation and infringement.

A co-author of **the industrial property teaching course at the University of Warsaw**, as well as a founder of **the Lower Silesia Patent Centre and the Mazovian Patent Centre** whose goal is to provide free legal aid to scientists interested in the commercialisation of their research. He served as a **consultant** for the team designing the project "PATENT PLUS – support for patenting inventions" of **the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education**.

Rafał is an author of many publications relating to patent law, addressed to Polish scientists and entrepreneurs, and a frequent speaker at conferences and seminars.

A member of **the Polish Chamber of Patent Attorneys** and **the Institute of European Patent Attorneys**, an associate member of **the EPI Committee on Biotechnological inventions** and a **former President of the LES Poland**. He is also a member of **AIPPI, FICPI** and **EPLIT**.