



FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DES CONSEILS  
EN PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF  
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ATTORNEYS

INTERNATIONALE FÖDERATION  
VON PATENTANWÄLTEN

## Resolution of the Executive Committee, Cannes, France 26 June-01 July 1988

### “Right of Audience”

**FICPI**, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession throughout the world, assembled at its Executive Committee and World Congress held in Cannes, France, 26 June-01 July 1988, passed the following Resolution:

having studied the legal and practical situation of industrial property attorneys in the countries belonging to FICPI including having taken a survey in those countries and having discussed this matter during the World Congress and **considering**:

that industrial property attorneys in a great number of countries are, notwithstanding their technical and legal abilities as well as their knowledge and experience in handling industrial property litigation and especially cases concerning the validity of industrial property rights, not granted the right to be heard directly by the courts,

#### **FICPI urges**

legislators and other competent authorities to grant industrial property attorneys:

- (a) the right of appearance before administrative and judicial bodies in all present and future systems for the protection of industrial property and related rights, and
- (b) the right to represent their clients on their own before all national and supra-national bodies, in cases relating to the validity of industrial property rights.