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Florence BUTIN graduated in civil law and has been serving in the French judiciary system for 25 years, successively as a public prosecutor and in the French ministry of justice where she was notably in charge of ethical issues, conduct, disciplinary proceedings and human resources. She joined the Paris court of 1st instance in 2012, and from this time onwards her functions were definitively oriented towards civil and economic litigation, first at the social chamber - in charge of collective labor disputes and consumer law - and later at the intellectual property chamber. She chaired one of the 3 panels of the chamber until September 2021, when she was appointed at the Economic department of the Paris Court of appeal. Florence BUTIN has taken part in workshops and conferences organised in Alicante (EUIPO), and represented France at symposiums dedicated to intellectual property law. She also participated in the Exchange Program of the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) in Stuttgart. She took office as president of the court of first instance of the Unified patent court in November 2022.