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Hans van Walderveen (1970) joined the Amsterdam Bar in 1999 after studying law in Utrecht. He practised for 7 years as a solicitor/barrister with the firm NautaDutilh and the IE boutique firm Klos Morel Vos & Schaap in Amsterdam, with an emphasis on (European) patent law and pharmaceutical law.

Hans heads The Hague District Court's Intellectual Property Division, which is the only Court of First Instance in the Netherlands with the jurisdiction to hear Patent Cases. The Intellectual Property (IP) Division currently consists of 10 specialised IP Judges. Apart from handling patent matters, the IP Division also deals by exclusion of other Dutch Courts of First Instance with EU Trade marks and Community Design cases, as well as (Community) Plant Breeders Rights, together with (not exclusively) other (national) IP matters and general civil law cases. Hans' main fields of focus are Patent Law and Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPC's). Hans is a regular speaker at international conferences on IP law and more specifically Patent Law and SPC's. Hans joined the bench in 2007 and was appointed senior judge in 2014.