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Norbert advises and represents major multinational clients on matters relating to national and international patent protection. His professional activities include securing, maintaining, enforcing and challenging patents and utility models, IP portfolio management and employee invention law. A large part of his work is concerned with opposition and appeal proceedings before the European Patent Office. His specialist fields are chemistry, chemical engineering, material sciences and semi-conductors.

REFERENCES

"Norbert Hansen has developed a wide-ranging practice encompassing chemical engineering, as well as material science and semiconductor innovations. With an eye for detail, he is an excellent choice for prosecution work but is equally accomplished fighting complex oppositions."

- [IAM Patent 1000, 2023](#)

"Contentious sage and IP portfolio manager Norbert Hansen has stacked up more than 15 years in the game and holds a doctorate in organometallic chemistry."

- [IAM Patent 1000, 2021](#)

Further references can be viewed on the profile.

CAREER

since 2005	Partner, shareholder and managing director at Maiwald
since 2003	Lecturer in Intellectual Property at the Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy of the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
since 2002	Patent attorney at Maiwald
1998 - 2002	Patent attorney trainee at Maiwald

EDUCATION

2023	Admitted to practice before the UPC
2005	Admitted to practice as European patent attorney
2002	Admitted to practice as German patent attorney
1999 - 2001	Studied law for patent attorneys at the University of Hagen
1995 - 1997	Doctoral degree in the field of organometallic chemistry from the Technical University of Munich
1989 - 1995	Studied chemistry at the Technical University of Munich

PRACTICE AREAS

- 有机化学&聚合物
- 无机材料&建材
- 食品&农业
- 显示技术&光学
- 雇员发明法
- 专利&实用新型
- 知识产权咨询

SERVICES

- Patent prosecution and portfolio management
- Filing strategies and drafting patent applications
- Freedom-to-operate and validity analysis
- Opposition and appeal proceedings
- Nullity and patent litigation proceedings

RECOGNITIONS

- Listed as best lawyer 2025 in the Handelsblatt in the category Intellectual Property Law
- Recommended in IAM Patent 1000 "World's Leading Patent Professionals" 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2025
- Recommended in Handelsblatt | Best Lawyers "Germany's Best Lawyers" 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- Listed in the Leaders League shortlist as "Best IP Advisor Germany" (silver award) 2023

PUBLICATIONS

- BGH denies injunctive relief grace period in patent case, 2016
- Infringer cannot intervene in reinstatement procedure, 2016
- BPatG judges have adequate technical expertise, 2015
- Multiple complaints bring higher cost risk for defendant, 2014
- Different disclosure standards for novelty and priority, 2013
- One person can sue for nullity twice, 2012
- Controlled Thermolysis of Nitrido- and Imidomolybdenum Complexes: A New Route to Phase-Pure Molybdenum Nitrides, Chemistry of Materials, 1998
- Verfahren zur Herstellung aromatischer Nitrile, DE19647795A1, 1998

- Molekulare Katalysatoren für die Ammondehydrierung, Technische Universität München, Dissertation, 1997
- Verfahren zur Herstellung von Molybdännitriden, DE19620815A1, 1997

IMPORTANT CASES

- Representation of patentees before the EPO's Enlarged Board of Appeal in the G1/16 case, where the Board handed down a landmark decision on the allowability of disclaimers in patent claims

MEMBERSHIPS

- German Patent Attorney Association
- epi
- FICPI
- AIPPI
- AIPLA
- LES
- GDCh

LANGUAGES

- German
- English