

**Dr. Ulrike Herr****Partner****German Patent Attorney****European Patent Attorney****UPC Representative****Chemist**

Ulrike specialises in the fields of pharmaceuticals and chemistry, with a focus on new chemical entities, medical uses, dosage regimens, manufacturing processes, dental materials, polymers, food and medical devices.

Ulrike supports and represents clients in all patent-related matters, from drafting patent applications, coordinating worldwide patent prosecution, counselling on divisional and patent portfolio strategies to oppositions, nullity actions and supporting infringement proceedings. She also provides patentability, validity, non-infringement and freedom-to-operate opinions. Ulrike has gained vast experience in opposition and appeal proceedings before the EPO, both in defending and attacking patents. As a member of the [Maiwald UPC taskforce](#), she worked extensively on the firm's preparations for the UPC system.

One of Ulrike's particular expertise lies in obtaining and assessing Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs). She advises clients on SPC strategies and coordinates the filing and prosecution of SPC applications for a wide variety of drugs including prodrugs throughout Europe. She has been involved in appeals against SPC refusals before national patent offices and courts. As a part of her SPC work, she frequently assesses grant prospects, coverage and validity of SPCs.

**CAREER**

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since 2022	Partner at Maiwald
2014 - 2022	Partner at an IP law firm
2014 - 2021	Member of the Board of Directors of the German Patent Attorney Association
2004 - 2013	Patent attorney at two IP law firms
1999 - 2004	Patent and Licensing Counsel at Bayer AG and Bayer CropScience AG

**EDUCATION**

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2023	Admitted to practice before the UPC
2008	Admitted to practice as German patent attorney
2008	Admitted to practice as European Trademark and Design Attorney
2004 - 2006	Studied law for patent attorneys at the University of Hagen
2004	Admitted to practice as European Patent Attorney

1995 - 1998	Doctoral degree in the field of organic chemistry from the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
1989 - 1995	Studied chemistry at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, at the University of Sussex, Brighton, England (Erasmus Stipendium), and at the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg

## PRACTICE AREAS

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- 制药&生物科技
- 有机化学&聚合物
- 无机材料&建材
- 食品&农业
- 专利&实用新型
- 补充保护证书
- 知识产权咨询
- Unified Patent Court

## SERVICES

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- Opposition, appeal and nullity proceedings
- Freedom-to-operate- and validity opinions
- Patent examination proceedings and portfolio management
- Application strategies and drafting of patent applications
- Patent litigation
- Supplementary protection certificates proceedings

## RECOGNITIONS

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- MIP IP Stars - Notable Practitioner 2023, 2024
- Recommended in Legal 500 Deutschland 2023

## PUBLICATIONS

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- The 'long-arm' of the Unified Patent Court - New developments in European cross-border patent litigation, AIPLA Chemical Practice Chronicles Newsletter, Volume 13 Issue 1 2025
- Year Two - The Unitary Patent and the Unified Patent Court at a Glance, AIPLA Chemical Practice Chronicles Newsletter, Vol. 12 Issue 2, 2024

## IMPORTANT CASES

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- Representation of a generic company in infringement proceedings and nullity proceedings for a supplementary protection certificate (SPC) regarding a combination drug for HIV treatment (see BGH X ZR 172/18 - Truvada).

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- German Patent Attorney Association
- epi
- FICPI
- VPP

## LANGUAGES

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- German
- English
- French