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**Partner**  
**German Patent Attorney**  
**European Patent Attorney**  
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Ralfs' main areas of interest cover all aspects of intellectual property protection, in particular patent prosecution and opposition proceedings, the preparation of clearance and validity opinions, design law and the law relating to employee inventions. The technical focus of his work is on medical, automotive, laboratory and semiconductor technologies, and also includes optics.

## CAREER

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| since 2017  | Partner, shareholder and managing director at Maiwald |
| since 2017  | Patent attorney at Maiwald                            |
| 2008 - 2017 | Patent attorney in own office                         |
| 2004 - 2007 | Freelance patent attorney                             |
| 2000 - 2004 | Patent attorney trainee at an IP law firm             |

## EDUCATION

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| 2024        | Admitted to practice before the UPC   |
| 2005        | Admitted to practice as European patent attorney  |
| 2004        | Admitted to practice as German patent attorney  |
| 2000 - 2002 | Studied law for patent attorneys at the University of Hagen   |
| 1996 - 1999 | Doctoral degree in the field of high pressure physics and optoelectronics from the University of Surrey |
| 1989 - 1995 | Studied physics at Ulm University and the Colorado State University                                     |

## PRACTICE AREAS

- 电气工程&机械制造
- 移动交通&能源
- 显示技术&光学
- 测量&工艺流程技术
- 医疗技术&医学成像
- 专利&实用新型
- 知识产权咨询

## SERVICES

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

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- German Patent Attorney Association
- epi
- VPP

## LANGUAGES

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- German
- English
- French