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Alexander Ortlieb

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German Patent Attorney
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A large part of Alexander's work involves prosecuting international, European and German patent and utility model applications. He has particular expertise in conducting opposition proceedings, in particular before the Boards of Appeal of the European Patent Office. He also has wide experience in preparing freedom-to-operate and validity opinions and represents clients in patent litigation matters. His specialist fields are physics, medical technologies and diagnostics, computer-implemented inventions, mechanical engineering and telecommunications.

REFERENCES

"Physicist Alexander Ortlieb is a dab hand with opposition proceedings, while his drafting and prosecution strengths range across medical technologies and diagnostics, computer-implemented inventions and telecommunications. Commercially sensitive, Ortlieb knows how to get the most out of his clients assets."

- [IAM Patent 1000, 2023](#)

"Alexander Ortlieb is a solutions- and goal-oriented practitioner who represents his patrons' interests with precision, evidenced by his ever-increasing tally of victories at the EPO. He handles a significant amount of IP work for medical technology company Brainlab."

- [IAM Patent 1000, 2024](#)

Further references can be viewed on the profile.

CAREER

since 2015	Partner, shareholder and managing director at Maiwald
2012	Worked in a specialized IP firm in New York and in the IP department of one of the largest US medical technology innovators in Boston in order to gain insights into US patent law and practice.
since 2010	Patent attorney at Maiwald
2007	In-house patent counsel with internationally operating aerospace corporation
2007 - 2010	Patent attorney trainee at Maiwald

EDUCATION

2023	Admitted to practice before the UPC
2012	Admitted to practice as a European patent attorney
2010	Admitted to practice as a German patent attorney
2007 - 2010	Studied law for patent attorneys at the University of Hagen
2000 - 2006	Studied physics and economics at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg and Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
1999 - 2003	Internships at Daimler Chrysler AG and at General Semiconductor (now Vishay Corp.)

PRACTICE AREAS

- Electrical & Mechanical Engineering
- Communication & Information Technology
- Mobility & Energy
- Displays & Light
- Measuring & Process Technology
- Medical Technology & Imaging
- Patents & Utility Models
- IP Consulting
- Artificial Intelligence & Digitalization

SERVICES

- Patent prosecution and portfolio management
- Filing strategies and drafting patent applications
- Opposition, appeal and nullity proceedings
- Patent infringement proceedings
- Freedom-to-operate and validity opinions

RECOGNITIONS

- Listed as "Leading" in the Patent Prosecution category, as "Excellent" in the Patent Litigation category and as "Highly Recommended" in the Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals category in the Leaders League Rankings Germany 2024
- Recommended in Handelsblatt | Best Lawyers "Germany's Best Lawyers" 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- Recommended in MIP IP Stars 2016, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- Recommended in Legal 500 EMEA 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- Recommended in Legal 500 Deutschland 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- Recommended in IAM Patent 1000 "World's Leading Patent Professionals", 2022, 2023
- Listed as "Excellent" in the Leaders League Rankings Germany 2022 and 2023 in the categorie Patent Prosecution

PUBLICATIONS

- Patent(e) Sicherheit in unsicheren Zeiten, 2021
- Auch “kleinere” Ideen sind schützenswert, 2020

IMPORTANT CASES

- Representation of a prestigious US university 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

MEMBERSHIPS

- German Patent Attorney Association
- epi
- VPP
- GRUR
- AIPPI

LANGUAGES

- German
- English