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### Dr. Melanie Hacker

**Associate**

**German Patent Attorney**

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**M.Sc. Chemistry**

Melanie is a patent attorney at Maiwald. She studied chemistry at the University of Regensburg. In the course of her doctoral research, Melanie acquired specialized knowledge in the field of organic chemistry, in particular colloid chemistry. Melanie's professional activities include all aspects of patent prosecution including contentious proceedings before the EPO in the field of organic chemistry, pharmaceuticals, and plant protection. Her main tasks involve drafting and prosecuting patent applications relating to small molecules and formulations thereof. She has extensive experience in the field of drug delivery, e.g., in connection with transdermal and oral formulations.

#### CAREER

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since 2020	Patent attorney at Maiwald
2017 - 2020	Trainee patent attorney at Maiwald

#### EDUCATION

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2021	Admitted to practice as European patent attorney
2020	Admitted to practice as German patent attorney
2017 - 2020	Studied law for patent attorneys at the University of Hagen
2013 - 2017	Doctoral degree in the field of organic chemistry from the University of Regensburg
2011 - 2013	Master's degree in chemistry from the University of Regensburg

#### PRACTICE AREAS

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- Pharma & Biotech
- Organic Chemistry & Polymers
- Inorganic & Construction Materials
- Food & Agriculture
- Patents & Utility Models

#### SERVICES

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- Patent prosecution and portfolio management
- Filing strategies and drafting patent applications

- Freedom-to-operate and validity analysis
- Opposition proceedings

## **LANGUAGES**

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- German
- English