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# Susanne Schmitz, LL.M.

Partner German Patent Attorney European Patent Attorney UPC Representative Graduate Engineer (architecture)

In addition to specialist knowledge in the field of building technology, building construction and building materials, Susanne also has extensive knowledge in a wide variety of other technical fields, such as motor vehicles, in particular new driving technologies, as well as medical devices. Susanne mainly handles cases relating to prosecution and enforcement of IP rights, including both technical protective rights as well as trademark and design rights.

## CAREER

since 2019	Partner at Maiwald
since 2008	Patent attorney at Maiwald
2006 - 2008	Patent attorney at an IP law firm
2003 - 2006	Patent attorney trainee at an IP law firm
1992 - 2003	Architect for various project planning and development companies

## **EDUCATION**

2023	Admitted to practice before the UPC
2012	Master's degree "European Intellectual Property Law" (LL.M.) at the University of Hagen
2008	Admitted to practice as European patent attorney
2006	Admitted to practice as German patent attorney
2003 - 2006	Studied law for patent attorneys at the University of Hagen
1992	Finished her studies in architecture at the RWTH Aachen University

#### **PRACTICE AREAS**

• Inorganic & Construction Materials

- Food & Agriculture
- Electrical & Mechanical Engineering
- Mobility & Energy
- Measuring & Process Technology
- Medical Technology & Imaging
- Patents & Utility Models
- Trademarks & Designs
- IP Consulting

## SERVICES

- Patent prosecution and portfolio management
- Filing strategies and drafting patent applications
- Freedom-to-operate and validity analysis
- Opposition and nullity proceedings
- Litigation based on infringement of a patent, trademark or design
- Trademark and design applications

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

- German Patent Attorney Association
- epi
- VPP
- GRUR

## LANGUAGES

- German
- English
- Dutch