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LL.M. "International Studies in Intellectual Property Law"

Since 2005 Heike has been advising and supporting national and international businesses in all areas of intellectual property protection, competition- and IP-related antitrust law, with particular focus on patent law and the law on employee inventions. She also advises on and prepares IP and technology-related contracts. She has many years of experience in coordinating infringement cases (patents, utility models, supplementary protection certificates) and assists in parallel validity proceedings. Her professional activities are mainly focused on the areas of pharma and life sciences as well as engineering. She also advises and represents clients in M&A transactions and has particular expertise in conducting legal and IP due diligence reviews. She also has wide-ranging expertise in trademark matters. Heike Röder-Hitschke is a member of the [Maiwald UPC Taskforce](#) and is in charge of UPC-related matters at Maiwald. She regularly gives lectures and seminars and publishes in Germany and abroad on topics concerning the Unified Patent Court, on patent and licensing contract law as well as on IP procedural law. Heike also lectures at the Technical University of Dresden.

CAREER

since 2019	Counsel at Maiwald
since 2013	Attorney-at-law at Maiwald
2010 - 2013	Attorney-at-law at Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP
2007 - 2008	Attorney-at-law at Knauth
2005 - 2010	Attorney-at-law (freelance) at two IP law firms
2004 - 2010	Research assistant at the Institute for Intellectual Property, Competition and Media Law (IGEWEM) of the TU Dresden
2001 - 2003	Attorney-at-law at GÖRG

EDUCATION

2023	Admitted to practice before the UPC
since 2010	Certified specialist for Intellectual Property Rights
2003 - 2004	Master's degree in „International Studies in Intellectual Property Law“ (LL.M.) from the TU Dresden with a study stay at the Centre d'Etudes International de la Propriété Intellectuelle (CEIPI) at the University of Strasbourg
2003	Admitted to the bar
1999 - 2001	Trainee lawyer in Berlin

1993 - 1998 Studied law at the Humboldt University of Berlin

PRACTICE AREAS

- Patents & Utility Models
- Supplementary Protection Certificates
- Employee Invention Law
- Competition & Antitrust Law
- Agreements
- Unified Patent Court
- IP Consulting

SERVICES

- Patent Litigation
- Warning letters
- Preliminary injunction proceedings and protective briefs
- Cancellation and nullity proceedings
- Drafting of contracts
- IP-Due Diligence

RECOGNITIONS

- Recommended in Legal 500 EMEA 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- Recommended in Legal 500 Deutschland 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- MIP IP Stars - Notable practitioner 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- Recommended in Legal 500 EMEA 2021, 2022
- MIP IP Stars - Rising Star 2018/2019

PUBLICATIONS

- Year Two - The Unitary Patent and the Unified Patent Court at a Glance, AIPLA Chemical Practice Chronicles Newsletter, Vol. 12 Issue 2, 2024
- Patent revocation actions under the new European patent system: UPC vs. EPO and why it may be wise to reappraise your European filing strategy, The Patent Lawyer Magazine September/October, 2024 (Page 22)
- Impact of the Unitary Patent and the Unified Patent Court on Patent Owners, Licensees and Technology Firms and Recommendations, Zhichanli, 2024 (Chinese only)
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- Lecture "The new unitary patent system after 8 months in practice" in the context of the Korean Intellectual Property Association (KINPA) special seminar series, 2024
- Unitary Patent and Unified Patent Court (2) - Implications and recommendations for patent owners, licensees and technology companies, AIPPI, 2023 (Japanese only)
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- Einheitspatent und einheitliches Patentgericht - Konsequenzen für Schutzrechte und Technologieverträge, PharmR 12/2022
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- Patents: New principles in preliminary injunction proceedings, 2022
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- Connected Cars, SEP and Frand-Cjeu Referral With a Focus on Multi-Tier Supply Chains, 2021

- Halbleiterschutz, Sortenschutz, Know-how-Schutz, in: Gewerblicher Rechtsschutz und Wettbewerbsrecht – Praxishandbuch, Götting/Meyer/Vormbrock (Hrsg.), Nomos, 2. Auflage, 2019
- The Protection of Trade Secrets and Know-how in Preliminary Proceedings, in: Enforcing Intellectual Property Rights – Necessary Instruments versus Over-Enforcement, Götting/du Vall/Röder-Hitschke (Hrsg.), Nomos, 2011
- Grundlagen des Patentrechts, in: Handbuch des Technikrechts, Schulte/Schröder (Hrsg.), Springer, 2. Auflage, 2011 (gemeinsam mit Horst-Peter Götting)
- Strafrechtlicher Schutz vor Produktpiraterie im europäischen Rahmen – Notwendige Harmonisierung oder grenzwertiger Protektionismus?, in: Überprotektion durch Geistiges Eigentum?, Götting/Lunze (Hrsg.), Nomos, 2009
- JUVÉ Handbook 2022/2023: Co-publishing article on the topic of “Die Äquivalenz in der Patentverletzung: Neue Rechtsprechung”

MEMBERSHIPS

- Bar Association
- IGEWEM
- GRUR
- AIPPI
- LES

LANGUAGES

- German
- English
- French