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## Dr. Christian Pioch

**Partner**  
**German Patent Attorney**  
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Christian advises and supports companies in prosecuting patent and utility model applications as well as in opposition, nullity and appeal proceedings. His specialist areas include software, sensor systems, data processing as well as semiconductor, medical and laboratory technologies. He has extensive knowledge in the areas of artificial intelligence, neural networks, machine learning, Internet of Things (IoT), Industry 4.0, data security and autonomous driving. In addition, he advises clients in multinational patent infringement litigation cases, in particular in the areas of software and laboratory systems. His expertise in business-specific IP strategies was acquired during his time as an in-house patent counsel with internationally operating aerospace corporations and in the semiconductor industries. He is also extremely well versed in US patent law.

### REFERENCES

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"Christian Pioch: Young and aspiring. With his analytical mind he will certainly move the company forward."

- [Legal 500 EMEA, 2021](#)

Further references can be viewed on the profile.

## CAREER

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since 2020	Partner, shareholder and managing director at Maiwald
since 2016	Patent attorney at Maiwald
2013 - 2016	Patent attorney trainee at Maiwald and another IP law firm

## EDUCATION

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2023	Admitted to practice before the UPC
2016	Admitted to practice as European patent attorney
2016	Admitted to practice as German patent attorney
2013 - 2015	Studied law for patent attorneys at the University of Hagen
2012	Research associate at Helmholtz Zentrum München in the field of detector development, software development, nuclear physics and radiation research
2009 - 2012	Doctoral degree in the field of detector development, software development, nuclear physics and radiation research from the Technical University of Munich as well as at the Research Center for Nuclear Physics and the Japan Atomic Energy Agency
2002 - 2008	Studied physics at the Technical University of Munich

## PRACTICE AREAS

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- 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

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

## RECOGNITIONS

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- Recommended in IAM Patent 1000 "World's Leading Patent Professionals" 2025
- MIP IP Stars - MIP Rising Star 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Recommended in Legal 500 EMEA 2022, 2023, 2024
- Recommended in Legal 500 Deutschland 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2026

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Patenting artificial intelligence
- Matthias Brendel (Footprint Technologies): "IP strategy can be as decisive as any technology roadmap or go-to-market plan"

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- German Patent Attorney Association

- epi

## LANGUAGES

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- German
- English
- French