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As a German and European patent attorney, Thomas has more than 15 years of experience with inventions in the fields of life sciences, pharmaceuticals and biotechnology. His earlier doctoral research was carried out at the German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ). The focus of his work as a patent attorney is on patent grant and patent enforcement proceedings and includes opposition and appeal proceedings before the EPO as well as nullity actions before the Federal Patent Court. Working together with specialized lawyers, Thomas advises and represents clients in infringement proceedings before the regional courts. Thomas has wide-ranging litigation experience in drug-releasing stents, diagnostic assays, cosmetics, vaccines and antibodies.

CAREER

since 2021	Counsel at Maiwald
since 2019	Patent attorney at Maiwald
2002 - 2018	Patent attorney at IP law firms
1998 - 2002	Patent attorney trainee at an IP law firm

EDUCATION

2023	Admitted to practice before the UPC
2002	Admitted to practice as a European patent attorney
2002	Admitted to practice as a German patent attorney
1999 - 2002	Studied law for patent attorneys at the University of Hagen
1993 - 1996	Doctoral degree in biochemistry from the Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen (doctoral research at the German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ) Heidelberg)
1987 - 1993	Studied biochemistry at the Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen

PRACTICE AREAS

- Pharma & Biotech
- Food & Agriculture
- Medical Technology & Imaging
- Patents & Utility Models
- Supplementary Protection Certificates
- Plant Variety Protection

SERVICES

- Opposition and nullity proceedings
- Patent litigation
- Patent examination proceedings and portfolio management
- Application strategies and drafting of patent applications
- Freedom-to-operate- and validity opinions
- Process for obtaining supplementary protection certificates

RECOGNITIONS

- Recommended in IAM Patent 1000 "World's Leading Patent Professionals" 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

PUBLICATIONS

- Stem-cell ruling provides perspective, The Patent Lawyer Magazine, 2013
- ECJ: no patent protection for human embryonic stem-cell related inventions, ipeg, 2011
- Tagungsband zum Symposium Sektoruntersuchung Pharma der Europäischen Kommission – Kartellrechtliche Disziplinierung des Patentsystems?, Carl Heymanns Verlag, 2010
- Tagungsband zum Symposium Stammzellforschung – Quo Vadis?, Carl Heymanns Verlag, 2009
- Patentreform, BIO Forum, 2007
- The other EPO battle, Managing Intellectual Property, 2007
- Reinventing the patent, Pharma Technology (English/Chinese), 2007
- Patente auf Diagnostika, Transkript, 2006
- EPO: Is there a doctrine of exhaustion of priority rights, Pharmaceutical Law Insight, 2006 (together with Birgit Strube)
- Disclaimers in Patent Claims, European Biotechnology Science & Industry News, 2005
- What kind of protection can you get? On method of treatment inventions, Biotechnology Law Report, 2000 (together with Franz-Josef Zimmer)

MEMBERSHIPS

- German Patent Attorney Association
- epi
- VPP
- FICPI

LANGUAGES

- German
- English
- French