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Dr. Alexander Schmitz

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German Patent Attorney

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Alexander assists companies in prosecuting and enforcing IP rights in the fields of electrical and information technologies as well as mechanics and mechanical engineering. He is an acknowledged expert in the fields of medical devices, high-voltage technology, energy transmission and distribution systems as well as electrical components. His foremost priority is always to find the optimal solution for the client. Alexander also engages intensively with digitalization, Internet of Things (IoT), Industry 4.0 and e-mobility. Alexander advises mostly medium-sized companies with regard to strategic planning as well as development and maintenance of IP portfolios. He regularly conducts infringement and validity proceedings and coordinates litigation involving similar issues.

REFERENCES

"Electrical engineer Alexander Schmitz serves up top-level European patent prosecution for one of the world's best-known telecom companies, managing their portfolio with aplomb and pushing through nearly 400 European patent actions a year."

- [IAM Patent 1000, 2023](#)

"Alexander Schmitz: Outstanding patent attorney with outstanding expertise in the areas of physics/mechanics/electrical engineering/software/algorithms."

- [The Legal 500 EMEA, 2024](#)

Further references can be viewed on the profile.

CAREER

since 2008	Partner, shareholder and managing director at Maiwald
since 2006	Patent attorney at Maiwald
2002 - 2006	Patent attorney trainee at an IP law firm
1996 - 2002	Research associate and chief engineer at the Institute for High Voltage Technology at the RWTH Aachen University

EDUCATION

2023	Admitted to practice before the UPC
2011	Admitted to practice as business mediator (MuCDR)
2007	Admitted to practice as German patent attorney
2006	Admitted to practice as European patent attorney
2003 - 2005	Studied law for patent attorneys at the University of Hagen
1996 - 2000	Doctoral degree in the field of polymeric insulating materials in energy technology from the RWTH Aachen University
1990 - 1996	Studied electrical engineering at the RWTH Aachen University

PRACTICE AREAS

- Electrical & Mechanical Engineering
- Communication & Information Technology
- Mobility & Energy
- Measuring & Process Technology
- Medical Technology & Imaging
- Employee Invention Law
- Patents & Utility Models
- IP Consulting
- Artificial Intelligence & Digitalization

SERVICES

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

RECOGNITIONS

- Recommended in Legal 500 EMEA 2022, 2023, 2024
- Recommended in Legal 500 Deutschland 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- Recommended in IAM Patent 1000 "World's Leading Patent Professionals" 2023
- Recommended in Handelsblatt | Best Lawyers "Germany's Best Lawyers" 2022, 2023
- Recommended in MIP IP Stars 2017

PUBLICATIONS

- Use of mediation for IP matters increases, 2012

MEMBERSHIPS

- German Patent Attorney Association
- epi

- VPP
- FICPI

LANGUAGES

- German
- English