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Dr. Ian Weaver

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M.Sc. Optoelectronics and Optical Information Processing

Ian has many years of experience in intellectual property law. His main areas of expertise include drafting patent applications, obtaining, securing and enforcing patents, conducting opposition and appeal proceedings as well as the assessment of third-party property rights and worldwide portfolio management. He gained particular expertise in electro-optical systems through his work for a British aerospace and defence company. He has also developed the technology and digital patent portfolio of an international pharmaceutical group and played a key role in shaping the strategic direction of patent protection for these technologies. His technical focus is therefore on physics, aerospace, electrical systems, optics and optoelectronics, imaging systems, telecommunications, high-tech consumer goods, diagnostic systems and digitalization.

CAREER

since 2019	Partner at Maiwald
2017 - 2019	Senior Patent Counsel at Bayer Intellectual Property GmbH
2017 - 2019	Of Counsel at Maiwald
2015 - 2017	Patent attorney at Maiwald
2013 - 2015	Patent attorney at a UK IP law firm in London
2011 - 2013	Trainee patent attorney at a UK IP law firm in London
2007 - 2010	Intellectual Property Manager at a UK company in Farnborough
2005 - 2007	Capability Group Leader at a UK defence and aerospace company in Farnborough
1999 - 2005	Senior Principal Engineer at a UK company in Hayes
1995 - 2005	Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Department of Pure and Applied Physics of The Queen's University of Belfast
1989 - 1991	Engineer at a UK aerospace company in Lancashire

EDUCATION

2024	Admitted to practice before the UPC
2022	Admitted to practice as Irish Patent Agent
2016	Admitted to practice as European Patent Attorney
2014	Admitted to practice as UK Patent Attorney
1992 - 1996	PhD in the field of laser and laser/plasma physics from the Department of Pure and Applied Physics of The Queen's University of Belfast

1991 - 1992 Master's degree in optoelectronics and optical information processing at the Department of Pure and Applied Physics of The Queen's University of Belfast

PRACTICE AREAS

- Pharma & Biotech
- Electrical & Mechanical Engineering
- Communication & Information Technology
- Displays & Light
- Measuring & Process Technology
- Medical Technology & Imaging
- 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
- Drafting of contracts

RECOGNITIONS

- Recommended in Legal 500 Deutschland 2021

MEMBERSHIPS

- Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (UK)
- Association of Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys (IE)
- epi
- EUIPO
- German Patent Attorney Association

LANGUAGES

- German
- English