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Dr. Christian Schäfflein

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German Patent Attorney
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Christian specializes in the design and management of worldwide patent portfolios, from active involvement in product development, to robust protection of the corresponding intellectual property rights, to opposition, nullity and patent infringement proceedings, predominantly in areas related to physics, mechanical engineering, digitalization and telecommunications. Drawing on the experience acquired over many years prosecuting patents and designs, his interdisciplinary approach enables him to build a product-centred global IP portfolio. Clients particularly value his expertise in artificial intelligence and machine learning.

REFERENCES

"Christian Schäfflein demonstrates professionalism and seamlessly cooperates with in-house teams. He is highly motivated and committed and adheres strictly to agreed schedules. He is reliable and his communications are keyed exactly to what the client needs to know."

- [IAM Patent 1000, 2023](#)

"On the electronics side, digitalisation and data security head Christian Schäfflein is a veritable encyclopaedia of US patent law; he 'is service oriented and always up to date on the technical side in fields like AI and neural networks', and wins further plaudits for his 'collaborative working style'."

- [IAM Patent 1000, 2021](#)

Further references can be viewed on the profile.

CAREER

since 2008	Partner, shareholder and managing director at Maiwald
since 2006	Patent attorney at Maiwald
2003 - 2006	Patent attorney trainee at Maiwald
2001	Foundation of Attocube Systems AG

EDUCATION

2023	Admitted to practice before the UPC
2006	Admitted to practice as European patent attorney
2006	Admitted to practice as German patent attorney
2003 - 2006	Studied law for patent attorneys at the University of Hagen
2000 - 2003	Doctoral degree in the field of experimental semiconductor physics at the Center for NanoScience (CeNS) from the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
1993 - 1999	Studied physics at the University of Regensburg, the University of California, Irvine and the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

PRACTICE AREAS

- 電気工学&機械工学
- コミュニケーション&情報技術
- モビリティ&エネルギー
- 計測技術&プロセスエンジニアリング
- 医療技術&トイメーキング
- 特許&実用新案
- 商標&意匠
- 実務分野「防衛・安全保障技術 / 防御エンジニアリング」
- 人工知能とデジタル化
- IP戦略コンサルティング

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

- Listed as best lawyer 2025 in Handelsblatt in the category Litigation
- In the Leaders League Ranking 2025, honoured as "Leading" in the "Patent Prosecution" category
- Recommended in IAM Patent 1000 "World's Leading Patent Professionals" 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2025
- Listed as "Leading" in the Leaders League Rankings Germany 2024 in the categorie Patent Prosecution
- Recommended in Handelsblatt | Best Lawyers "Germany's Best Lawyers" 2024
- Recommended in Legal 500 EMEA 2022, 2023, 2024
- Recommended in Legal 500 Deutschland 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- Listed as "Excellent" in the Leaders League Rankings Germany 2023 in the categorie Patent Prosecution

PUBLICATIONS

- Patente treiben Innovation und Fortschritt, 2021
- Protection of inventions in AI and digitalisation, 2020

- BigData und IoT - kann Europa gegen Google und Co bestehen? (2017)
- Patenting artificial intelligence

MEMBERSHIPS

- German Patent Attorney Association
- epi
- GRUR
- AIPPI
- AIPLA
- VPP

LANGUAGES

- German
- English