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Ralfs´ main areas of interest cover all aspects of intellectual property protection, in particular patent prosecution and opposition proceedings, the preparation of clearance and validity opinions, design law and the law relating to employee inventions. The technical focus of his work is on medical, automotive, laboratory and semiconductor technologies, and also includes optics.

CAREER

since 2017	Partner, shareholder and managing director at Maiwald
since 2017	Patent attorney at Maiwald
2008 - 2017	Patent attorney in own office
2004 - 2007	Freelance patent attorney
2000 - 2004	Patent attorney trainee at an IP law firm

EDUCATION

2024	Admitted to practice before the UPC
2005	Admitted to practice as European patent attorney
2004	Admitted to practice as German patent attorney
2000 - 2002	Studied law for patent attorneys at the University of Hagen
1996 - 1999	Doctoral degree in the field of high pressure physics and optoelectronics from the University of Surrey
1989 - 1995	Studied physics at Ulm University and the Colorado State University

PRACTICE AREAS

- 전기공학 & 기계공학
- 모빌리티 & 에너지
- 디스플레이 & 조명
- 측정 & 공정 기술
- 의료 기술 & 의학 영상
- 특허 & 실용신안
- IP 컨설팅

SERVICES

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

MEMBERSHIPS

- German Patent Attorney Association
- epi
- VPP

LANGUAGES

- German
- English
- French