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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 Schäflein enjoys a high success rate when drafting and prosecuting patents and representing clients in opposition proceedings. He is technically skilled, customer focused, highly efficient and a great communicator.

- IAM Patent 1000, 2025

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

- 전기공학 & 기계공학
- 통신 & 정보 기술
- 모빌리티 & 에너지
- 측정 & 공정 기술
- 의료 기술 & 의학 영상
- 특허 & 실용신안
- 상표 & 디자인
- 실무 분야 “군비 및 국방 기술” (방위 및 안보 기술 / 국방 공학)
- 인공지능 & 디지털화
- 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

RECOGNITIONS

- 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, 2025, 2026
- 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