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No business should take risks in the field of patent and trade mark law. Right from the start, trademarks, inventions, designs, products, and services should have the best possible protection, but also at a reasonable cost. This takes customized support and service, which the specialists of PATRONUS IP are happy to provide, accompanying you all the way from invention to market.

THE FIRM

Legal and technical competence combined

PATRONUS IP – Patent Attorneys and Lawyers – was founded on January 1, 2013 as a merger of the renowned firms of Bernhard Ganahl and Jan Robert Naefe. Our colleagues form a highly motivated team including, among others, several specially trained patent engineers. We are based in Munich, the European center for industrial property rights, with a branch office in Salzburg/Austria.

Our firm covers a wide legal spectrum and offers a high level of technical competence. In addition to materials science, process engineering, mechanical engineering, physics, electrical engineering, and software patents, we also handle chemistry, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, biology, and genetics. Your representatives are Patent and Trademark Attorneys and European Patent Attorneys Bernhard Ganahl (Dipl.-Physiker, TU Munich), Jan Robert Naefe (Dipl.-Ingenieur, TU Clausthal), Dr. Dominique Trösch (Dipl.-Chemiker, Julius Maximilian University Würzburg), Dr. Markus Zoller (M.Sc., TU Munich) and European Patent Attorney Christian Himmler.

PATRONUS IP clients enjoy access to a particularly broad portfolio of services, including the field of trademark and labelling law.

Our philosophy

Protective rights demand a close relationship based on trust

Industrial and technical property rights are one of the most sensitive and challenging special areas of law. The protection of intellectual property in its many facets necessitates an especially close relationship based on trust. These relationships are not merely short-term, but last for many years, if not decades.

We at PATRONUS IP are conscious of this special responsibility. It is the chief guiding principle in our daily work, based on personal and comprehensive service – regardless of whether we are acting on behalf of an inventor, a single company, a major group, or our international colleagues.

In doing so, we consider it crucial that our clients and colleagues always receive personal attention from their patent attorney, who serves as their exclusive contact.



OUR SERVICES

We offer our clients comprehensive service – starting with general advice on matters of industrial property rights, followed by crafting their specific application and shepherding it through the granting process, then continuing with long-term administration and defense against attacks.

Here, you can also rely on our extensive experience, which naturally also covers legal proceedings. With our base in Munich – the center for protection of European industrial property rights – we are frequently involved in such proceedings, acting on behalf of our clients from all over the world. In coordination with our attorney colleagues overseas, we actively participate in proceedings of this kind worldwide.

Our services at a glance

- IP due diligence (detailed examination of the legal position of companies with respect to industrial and technical property rights)
- Drafting and filing of applications for all established types of intellectual property rights (patents, utility models, registered designs, trademarks, topographies, etc.), nationally and internationally
- Attacking protective rights of third parties and defending protective rights of our clients in opposition and nullity proceedings before all offices and courts
- Assertion of protective rights before the responsible courts
- Proceedings of interim legal protection (preliminary injunctions), particularly in connection with seizure at frontiers and trade fairs
- Formulation of agreements (licensing agreements, legal purchase agreements, etc.) in connection with industrial and technical property rights
- Issuing legal opinions on legal validity and infringement of industrial and technical property rights

Costs

The costs involved in the protection of industrial property rights are a sensitive subject. It is therefore important to us that our clients be kept informed about costs at all times, especially those that are still developing. Our clients benefit from our ability to obtain national protective rights in many European countries, without having to consult national attorneys. This is especially advantageous when nationalizing European patents.

THE ATTORNEYS

Specialists with many years of experience

PATRONUS IP stands for technical competence and a broad spectrum of legal representation. Our attorneys have many years of experience, with proven success in their fields of expertise in various legal disputes.



BERNHARD GANAHL

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Patent Attorney, European Patent Attorney,
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Bernhard Ganahl worked as a patent attorney and partner in the patent law offices of Reinhardt, Söllner, Ganahl from 1994 to 2004. He then moved to the law firm of Huber & Schüssler, also as partner.

Mr. Ganahl primarily specializes in preparing and processing patents in the field of electrical engineering, software inventions, and equipment for use in biotechnology and optics. He also has considerable experience in opposition proceedings and disputes as well as trademark protection. Mr. Ganahl has a degree in applied physics from the technical University of Munich. He was accredited as a German patent attorney in 1994 and also qualified as a European patent attorney in the same year.

Mr. Ganahl has made his reputation as a specialist legal author with, among others, the articles "Patent situation in the field of DNA chip technology in Europe" (published in issue no. 12/2000 of "medgen," the newsletter of the German Association for Human Genetics) and "Is core theory once again relevant?" (published in 12/2003 in Transactions of German Patent Attorneys"), focusing on German case law with respect to software inventions. He also has extensive experience with opposition, nullity, and infringement proceedings.



JAN ROBERT NAEFE

Dipl.-Ing.

Patent Attorney, European Patent Attorney,
European Trademark and Design Attorney

Jan Robert Naefe has many years of experience in the field of industrial property protection. He launched his career in 1996 at a Munich law firm, which he left in 2002 to co-found his own Munich patent and civil law firm. He holds an engineering degree in Materials Science from the Technical University of Clausthal.

As a patent attorney, Mr. Naefe specializes in materials science, inorganic chemistry, metallurgy, ceramics, glass, building materials, and the technical sector in general. In legal matters, he is especially interested in contract law, in particular licensing and legal purchase agreements. He also has extensive experience in opposition, nullity, and infringement proceedings. Mr. Naefe is further specialized in trademarks and designs as well as the respective prosecution and litigation actions.

Mr. Naefe is a member of the German Association for Industrial Property Protection and Copyright (GRUR) and of the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys (FICPI).

THE ATTORNEYS



DR. DOMINIQUE J.M. TRÖSCH

Dr. rer. nat., Dipl.-Chem.

Patent Attorney, European Patent Attorney
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Dominique J. M. Trösch has been active in the field of intellectual and industrial property law since 2000. He has been a German patent and European trademark and design attorney since 2003 and a European patent attorney since 2005. Mr. Trösch earned his degree in chemistry (Dipl.-Chem.) from Julius Maximilian University in Würzburg. He continued his studies there, taking part in joint research projects at Nottingham and Oxford Universities, going on to earn a DSc (Dr. rer. nat.) in organometallic chemistry, also from Julius Maximilian University, Würzburg.

Mr. Trösch has wide-ranging experience in various proceedings concerning IP rights, covering pharmaceuticals (patents and SPC's), i.e. in opposition and appeal proceedings before the European Patent Office (EPO), in nullity proceedings before both the German Federal Patent Court (Bundespatentgericht, BPatG) and the German Federal Supreme Court (Bundesgerichtshof, BGH), and in utility model nullity proceedings. He also has experience with freedom-to-operate (FTO), validity, and infringement opinions, and last but not least, patent, utility model, and trademark prosecution.



DR. MARKUS ZOLLER

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Patent Attorney, European Patent Attorney
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Markus Zoller has been working in the field of industrial and intellectual property since 2011. Before he moved to Patronus IP, he worked at a patent law firm in New York City and then started his work at a law firm in Munich. He earned his Bachelor and Master of Science in Molecular Biotechnology at the Technical University of Munich. During his studies, Mr. Zoller completed an internship at the University of Amsterdam and studied for a semester at the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. After three years of research as a grant recipient at the Max-Planck Institute for Infectious Biology in Berlin, he received his doctorate in molecular biology, with a special emphasis on (auto) antibodies.

Mr. Zoller was accredited as a German patent attorney in 2014.

As a patent attorney, Mr. Zoller primarily specializes in preparing and processing patents in the chemical, biotech, and pharmaceutical fields as well as in trademark protection.



THE ATTORNEYS



JULIA SALADIN

Attorney-at-law

Ms. Julia Saladin is an attorney-at-law who studied law at the University of Trier and at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich. After completing her second state bar examination, she first worked in the field of copyright law at a specialist law firm in Munich. Subsequently, she worked at a Munich law firm focusing on industrial property rights and copyright law, before heading the trademark department at a law firm in Cologne. Since June 2016 Julia Saladin has been active in the field of industrial property rights at Patronus IP.

The focus of Ms. Saladin's work is particularly in trademark, design, and competition law. She advises our clients in all questions relating to these legal areas: from developing patent strategies and conducting market research, to handling national and international trademark portfolios, to representing clients in infringement, opposition and cancellation proceedings. Besides that, an additional core area of her work revolve around the assessment of legal issues in the field of domain, copyright and employee invention law as well as around the drafting of license agreements.

EUROPEAN PATENT ATTORNEY AND PATENT ENGINEERS

Our European Patent Attorney and our patent engineers already have very long professional and international experience and are proven specialists in the field of industrial property protection. They assist the attorneys in all areas of their work, particularly in searches involving protective rights of all kinds as well as monitoring our clients' competitors.



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