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Peter, in association with Horst von der Osten, has carried on the Law Partnership of the late founder of the firm, Georg Gewiese, since 1968. He has worked in all areas pertaining to the protection of industrial property rights and copyright, serving in the capacity of trial lawyer and legal counsel. Over the last 20 years most of his work has focused on patent law.

In addition to his many years of practice as litigator in the field of industrial property rights, Peter von Rospatt has extensive counseling experience in matters such as out-of-court settlements and drawing up license and know-how agreements, as well as participating in arbitration proceedings.

Peter has lectured at national and international patent law seminars and has authored important professional papers.

He has extensive experience in patent infringement suits, including but not limited to the fields of chemistry, medical engineering, and biotechnology. As early as the 1980s, he was involved in genetic engineering developments, such as the famous invention of the recombinant production of erythropoietin (EPO) – the enzyme responsible for red blood cell production and thus oxygenation. As a result, he learned the fundamentals of genetic engineering and was partly responsible for the fact that Düsseldorf's patent judges became familiar with this highly innovative subject area, gaining a reputation for their profound understanding of that complex field of law among professional experts worldwide.

Peter notes with satisfaction that his younger partners have benefited from his wealth of experience, which has helped them to become versed in the field of biotechnology, including genetic engineering.

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Horst counsels and represents clients in patent-infringement disputes in such areas as medical diagnostics, mechanical engineering, domestic and heat technology, vehicle construction, textile and textile-machinery technology, tool manufacturing, and power and high-frequency engineering.

He gained his initial experience in opposition and revocation proceedings when working as an intern for the German Patent Office and the German Federal Patent Court. As a lawyer, he has cooperated with patent attorneys in many hearings before those tribunals.

In addition to his many years of practice as a trial lawyer in the field of industrial property rights, Horst has extensive experience in out-of-court settlements and drawing up license and know-how agreements.

His legal expertise also extends to trademark and competition law.

He is the author of “Die rechtliche Bedeutung der Verkehrsgeltung im Wettbewerbs- und Warenzeichenrecht und ihre Feststellung im Prozess”, published by Heymanns Verlag. It deals with the legal meaning of “trade reputation” in competition and trademark law and with its verification in legal actions. In addition, he has written various important professional papers.

Horst frequently works as a member of a team of attorneys, on the national and international levels.

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Languages	English

Ulrich has a very broad range of litigation and counseling practice. For a long time, his work focused primarily on trademark and competition law, providing comprehensive legal counsel to clients, frequently taking part in the development of advertising and branding strategies while supporting them with his legal advice. In addition, he has represented one of the parties in many important (as well as less important) competition and trademark disputes, developing and coordinating offensive or defensive strategies by himself or in a team environment with other attorneys and/or with the management.

At present, Ulrich is involved primarily in patent matters and product-imitation cases. He represents clients in infringement suits before all competent courts, as well as in opposition and revocation proceedings before the German Patent and Trademark Office, the German Federal Patent Court, and the European Patent Office. His predominant fields in this respect include medical engineering, electronics and electrical engineering, semiconductor technology, radio and television technology, mechanical engineering, metrology and automatic controls, chemistry and pharmaceuticals.

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Languages	English

Stephan has worked for more than 20 years in all areas of law pertaining to the protection of industrial property rights and competition. His clients benefit from his extensive experience as a trial lawyer, whether they are seeking counsel on legal matters or on corporate strategies.

In patent law, Stephan frequently represents companies in the fields of mechanical engineering and plant engineering, vehicle construction, household appliances, textile technology, construction material technology, and structural engineering. Among his principal fields of activity are trademark and design law, with an emphasis on counseling companies engaged in manufacturing luxury goods on the development and implementation of protective and counter-offensive strategies. His major activities in the area of competition law include working with agencies and handling special applications of competition law, such as those involving the protection of trade secrets, and cases involving technical and/or scientific aspects.

Stephan appears before all German courts having jurisdiction in the area of the protection of industrial property rights, as well as before the European Court of Justice. Especially in the field of trademark law, he has been involved as an attorney in several precedent-setting decisions. The revision of traditional German court rulings regarding the right to recover infringement profits is based on test-case litigation he conducted. In international proceedings and in litigation touching on the protection of industrial property rights, he coordinates counseling, strategy development and litigation with patent attorneys and other experts.

Stephan has presented papers at seminars held by the textile industry. He is a co-author of the “Handbuch Mode-Marketing”, a manual of fashion marketing (published by Deutscher Fachverlag).

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Bernward's experience in the legal fields of the protection of industrial property rights and copyright goes back almost 20 years. Following his work as an attorney in a Berlin law firm and a one-year course of study at Georgetown University in Washington D.C., he joined rospatt osten pross as an attorney in 1988. His primary practice encompasses patent law, design protection, and trademark law.

Bernward concentrates on litigation. In patent law, his cases include infringement disputes as well as patent revocation and opposition proceedings in a variety of technical fields. He has pleaded and assisted in legal proceedings through the appeals process for worldwide corporations in the areas of medical technology (cardiac catheters, vascular prostheses, surgical instruments), chemistry (steel alloys, polymers), electrical engineering (lighting engineering, alarm technology, automatic controls, heating technology, bus systems), mechanical engineering (bevel gears, motive power engineering, filtering technology, bakery machinery, laser measuring technology), computer technology (chip design), and consumer goods.

Bernward's trial activities also include the fields of design protection (design piracy), as well as the protection of trademarks and plant-varieties. He has litigated customs-confiscation proceedings relating to the protection of plant varieties and patent law for companies engaged in international business activities.

In association with a presiding judge of a court for patent matters, Bernward has for many years given a seminar on patent infringement proceedings.

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Languages	English

Max von Rospatt works primarily as a trial lawyer in the fields of patent and utility model law. Given the large number of his clients of international renown, his expertise in international patent law is profound. He works in integrated teams with patent-law experts from various countries on a regular basis. Since beginning his practice as an attorney, Max has not only been involved in the fields of mechanics, electronics, and mechanical engineering, which have traditionally been important in patent law, but has also handled numerous suits in such fields as pharmaceuticals, genetic engineering, chemistry and fine chemistry, digital entertainment electronics, and medical engineering. His clients include major international pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, producers of consumer goods, automotive-industry suppliers, and manufacturers of electronic components, and also mediumsized equipment manufacturers and enterprises in the packaging industry. Max's litigation experience extends to all major German patent courts. In addition, he regularly participates in proceedings before the European Patent Office, the German Patent Office, and the German Federal Patent Court.

Along with his considerable involvement in patent law, Max works extensively on cases relating to trademarks, registered designs, and unfair competition. Extrajudicial counseling services and cases concerning license-agreement law take up a large part of his work load, as well.

Max presents papers on German patent law at national and international conferences on a regular basis.

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Languages	English

In terms of litigation, Thomas' practice concentrates on the fields of patent and utility model law. He represents and counsels internationally renowned corporations in the automotive and automotive-supply industries, the chemical industry, pharmaceuticals and biotechnology, medical engineering, computer technology, entertainment electronics and electrical engineering. In addition, he handles numerous cases from medium-sized industry sectors, particularly mechanical engineering and medical engineering. Thomas regularly works in concert with patent-law experts from various countries and has litigated several cross-border proceedings, in which he has developed some much-admired offensive and defensive strategies. Thomas is experienced not only in asserting industrial property rights, but also in assessing the restrictions that competition and antitrust laws can place upon the owner of an IPR in any given situation.

Thomas appears before all German courts for patent matters and participates in proceedings before the German Patent Office and the German Federal Patent Court as well as before the European Patent Office.

In addition to his considerable involvement in patent law, Thomas also works on cases relating to unfair competition, trademarks, and design protection.

His extrajudicial services consist primarily in drawing up license agreements.

Thomas presents papers on German patent law on a regular basis.

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Memberships	AIPPI, GRUR; VPP
Languages	English

Henrik works primarily for large and medium-sized US and European corporations in such areas as biotechnology, chemistry, computer hardware and software, electronics, production engineering and machinery, pharmaceuticals, and telecommunications.

His activities in the field of technical property rights concentrate on litigation of infringement suits before civil courts and, in cooperation with patent attorneys and patent departments, on patent opposition, revocation, and cancellation actions. His briefs reflect a broad range of experience especially in technical fields such as genetic engineering, organic and inorganic chemistry, process engineering, computer technology, analog and digital audio and video technology, medical engineering, pharmaceuticals, optics, and mobile telecommunications (2G and 3G).

In the field of trademark law, Henrik's involvement begins at the concept and development stages. He appears before civil courts as well as national and international offices and agencies.

His other major fields of work include design protection and unfair competition, particularly in areas involving technical aspects, such as telecommunications and the pharmaceutical industry. Henrik also works on copyright cases involving software and the internet.

His primary extrajudicial activities include license agreements and compensation for employee inventions.

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Eike specialized in the fields of foreign and international patent, copyright and competition law back when he was a scholarship holder at the Max Planck Institute.

As an attorney, he provides advisory and forensic services in all areas of industrial property protection as well as in copyright law. He has a wealth of litigation experience in the enforcement of intellectual property rights. Eike has acted as lead attorney in a number of trademark and unfair competition litigations, above all in preliminary injunction proceedings. Eike's advisory work focuses on the out-of-court settlement of conflicts, e.g. by concluding trademark co existence agreements, and on drafting and negotiating license agreements.

His clients include German and foreign companies. Eike covers a wide range of sectors, running the gamut from the pharmaceutical and consumer goods industries to mechanical engineering firms.

Eike wrote the book entitled "Durchsetzung der Gemeinschaftsmarke – Internationale Zuständigkeit, anwendbares Recht und Rechtsfolgen bei Verletzung" ("Enforcement of the Community Trademark – International Jurisdiction, Applicable Law and Remedies for Infringement") published by Carl Heymanns Verlag and is the author of various articles which have been published in law reviews.

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Miriam Büttner gained initial hands-on experience in the fields of industrial and commercial property protection and copyright law predominantly from the company perspective at work before and during legal clerkships in various in-house law departments. One of the main thrusts was the development, monitoring and enforcement of trademark and design rights.

She works in these fields exclusively as an attorney-at-law, serving clients in extremely diverse sectors (e.g. textiles and engines/generators). Miriam Büttner has recently focused on the creation and enforcement of unregistered community design patents. Furthermore, Miriam works as a supporting attorney in patent infringement proceedings in all fields of technology, with electrical engineering, automotive engineering, general mechanics, mechanical engineering, textiles and microbiology (diagnostics technology) leading the way.

Another focal point of her activity consists of advising and representing companies in matters of competition law, which often have complex technical backgrounds as well. Miriam Büttner also has in-depth knowledge of copyright law, with due regard to the topical issue of building and destroying structures and works of applied art.

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Languages	English, Italian

Rüdiger works in the fields of patent law, trademark and competition law as well as design and copyright law. He advises German and foreign companies in areas including patent vindication suits, employee invention affairs, secrecy protection proceedings and damage suits. These types of litigation are regularly based on complex facts and findings, which he investigates and assesses in cooperation with patent and communicating attorneys.

Technical experience garnered by Rüdiger primarily comes from the fields of process engineering, digital storage media and reading devices, electronic elements, industrial packaging, mechanical engineering and engine technology. Other primary areas of activity include fashion and design protection as well as the planning and implementation of trademark and tradename protection strategies.

In his book entitled “Die einstweilige Verfügung zum Schutze des geistigen Eigentums im grenzüberschreitenden Verkehr” (“Preliminary Injunctions for the Protection of Intellectual Property in Cross-Border Markets”, published by Carl Heymanns Verlag) for which he received an award from the companies Schiesser AG and Allweiler AG, Rüdiger addresses issues concerning international jurisdiction, German, English and Dutch procedural law, and legal harmonization in Europe. He has also authored professional journal articles.

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Memberships	GRUR
Languages	English

Hetti dealt in depth with issues of industrial and commercial property protection during her LL.M. program in the UK – an activity she has continued pursuing since 2003 at rospatt osten pross and as a legal clerk at a major multinational law firm and a company in Asia.

Her principal areas of activity as an attorney are patent infringement proceedings in all technical fields, with special regard to telecommunications, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, general mechanics and biotechnology. Further points of focus are consultancy and case conduct in the fields of trademark, design and domain law as well as unfair competition. Hetti's out-of-court work involves drafting license and cooperation contracts as well as trademark co-existence agreements.

Hetti often works in teams with lawyers and patent attorneys and has already amassed extensive practical experience in coordinating complex multinational infringement lawsuits. She became notably acquainted with the assertion of antitrust restrictions when enforcing industrial rights - a plea that has only recently started gaining importance.