

Dr. Steffen Steininger, M.Jur. (Oxford)

Partner
Munich

Biography

Steffen Steininger is at his best when IP issues get really challenging. A trial lawyer with more than fifteen years of experience in patent infringement and validity litigation at all major German District and Appeals Courts, the German Federal Supreme Court, the German Patent Court and the EPO, Steffen can draw on the experience of 200 plus cases in which he acted as lead counsel for his clients. For many of these cases Steffen has masterminded international strategies including parallel litigation in the U.S., the UK, France, the Netherlands and Italy. The strategies which he tailors both for international companies and start-ups strive to provide the best results while using his client's resources efficiently.

For his work Steffen, can draw on a deep understanding of the telecoms, automotive, renewable energy and life sciences industries. Steffen also guides clients through the pitfalls of unfair competition litigation, the negotiation of licensing agreements and IP transactions. Steffen is also sought after for his wealth of knowledge on the new Unitary Patent and UPC and authors in Tilmann / Plassmann, Unified Patent Protection in Europe published by Oxford University Press in 2018.



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Languages

English
French
German

Practices

Intellectual Property
Patents
Trade Secrets and Confidential Know-how
Trademarks and Brands
IP Litigation, Arbitration, and Alternative Dispute Resolution

Industries

JUVE, the leading German directory for law firms, has been listing Steffen for many years as "highly recommended" for patent litigation proceedings and in its 2019 /2020 edition quotes competitors describing him as a "technically very well versed litigator". *IAM 1000, 2019* calls him "renown and technically adept". *Wirtschaftswoche* listed him in 2017 as one of only 20 German lawyers for the "first league of patents in Germany".

Steffen heads our Munich patent litigation group. In addition to that he supervises Hogan Lovells Citizenship activities for Continental Europe. He studied law in Regensburg (Germany) and Paris (France). He received a Master's degree from the University of Oxford (UK) in 1999 and a Ph.D. in the area of international procedural law in Germany in 2002.

Representative experience

Representing LG Electronics in patent litigation proceedings in the telecommunication and appliance industries adverse to various NPEs and competitors.

Permanent advisor to Israelian renewable energy company SolarEdge in a series of patent infringement and validity proceedings.

Representing Texas Instruments in high profile patent infringement and nullity proceedings against a patent licensing company relating to telecommunication standards.

Advising a major international automotive supplier in patent litigation (including preliminary injunction) proceedings against a competitor relating to brake systems.

Permanent advisor to a leading U.S. based pharmaceutical company regarding patent licensing and employee inventions.

Advising an international technology company re the

Automotive

Life Sciences and Health Care

Technology & Telecoms

Private Capital

Areas of focus

IP Licensing, Commercialization, and Technology Transfer

IP Rights in Transactions

Post-Grant Proceedings

Strategic Counseling and Portfolio Development

Education and admissions

Education

Dr. iur., University of Regensburg, 2002

Second State Exam in Law, Bavaria, 2002

M.Jur., University of Oxford, 1999

First State Exam in Law, University of Regensburg, 1998

acquisition/transfer of a patent portfolio including more than 2000 patent families.

Advising leading German mobile phone operator in patent litigation against non-practicing entity relating to UMTS standards; case went to German Federal Supreme Court.

Awards and rankings

- Intellectual Property: Patent Litigation, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018-2019
- Included for Intellectual Property Law, *Edition Best Lawyers™ in Germany*, 2019, 2020
- Recommended lawyer for Patents, *JUVE handbook*, 2019/2020
- Recommended lawyer for Patent Litigation, *Chambers Europe & Global*, 2018-2020
- Listed as IP Star, Managing Patent, *Managing Intellectual Property IP STARS*, 2019
- Recommended lawyer for Patents, *WirtschaftsWoche*, 2018
- Recommended lawyer for Patents, *Legal 500 Germany*, 2019
- Recommended lawyer for Infringement, *IAM Patent 1000*, 2019

Latest thinking and events

- Insights
 - U.S. + Germany patent update – April 2020
- Insights
 - U.S. + Germany patent update – January 2020 (English)
- Insights
 - U.S. + Germany patent update – January 2020 (한국어)
- Insights

Memberships

German Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (GRUR)

Friends of the Max-Planck Institute for Intellectual Property Law

Association of Experts on Intellectual Property (VPP)

Accolades

Does not waste any time

IAM Patent 1000, 2016

His inclusion in our ranking is based on very positive client feedback; client: 'He has collaborated very well with us and supported us in complex situations. His advice has been crucial in setting the course for an economic approach.'

Chambers Global, 2016

Renown and technically adept

IAM Patent 1000, 2019

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Chambers Europe and Global,

- U.S. + Germany patent update – October 2019
(English, 日本語, 한국어)

2018

- Insights

- Hogan Lovells' U.S. + Germany Patent Update – July 2019 (English, 日本語, 한국어)

- Insights

- Hogan Lovells' Standard Essential Patent Update – May 2019

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*Chambers Europe and Global,
2018*

Top league for patents in Germany

Wirtschaftswoche, 2017
