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My clients are mainly from Europe, the US, Canada and across diverse sectors. I advise them on a wide range of services, including trade mark and design patent strategy, clearance and prosecution, litigation, licensing, and related transactions.

My main focus is on enforcement activities, including trade mark, design, copyright and unfair competition litigation before the German courts, proceedings before the European Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) and the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), German Patent and Trademark Office (DPMA), German Federal Patent Court (BPatG), domain name disputes before the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Centre and ADR Court for .eu domains and, in addition, EU customs enforcement proceedings in relation to counterfeit products and parallel imports.

I completed my legal studies in German law at the University of Leipzig in 1999. After qualifying as an attorney at law, I graduated from Golden Gate University (GGU) in San Francisco, USA, where I obtained a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree, with honors, in United States Legal Studies with specialization in intellectual property law, in 2002.

Before joining Fieldfisher, I worked for nine years for one of the leading German IP law boutiques.

I am an active member of the American Bar Association (ABA), International Trademark Association (INTA), German Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (GRUR), San Francisco Intellectual Property Law Association (SFIPLA), German- American Lawyers' Association (DAJV/GALA) and The American Club of Hamburg.

Currently, I am the chair of the International Action Group of the ABA's Intellectual Property Law Section as well as its liaison to the EUIPO, and member of INTA's Parallel Imports Committee.

Since 2009, I have regularly worked as a tutor at the WIPO Worldwide Academy where I counsel students from around the world during courses such as "Advanced Course on Trade Marks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications" and "Intellectual Property Management".