

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

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Biography

Steffen Steininger is at his best when IP issues get really challenging. A trial lawyer with more than 20 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 250 plus cases in which he acted as lead counsel for his clients. Steffen has masterminded international strategies including litigation at the UPC, 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. He has a wealth of knowledge on the new Unitary Patent and UPC and authors in Tilmann / Plassmann, Unified Patent Protection in Europe (Oxford University Press).

JUVE, the leading German directory, has been listing Steffen for many years as "highly recommended" for patent litigation and in its 2019 /2020 edition quotes competitors describing him as a "technically very well versed litigator". In 2023 he was named a World



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Languages

English
French
German
Spanish

Practices

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

Industries

Automotive and Mobility

Intellectual Property Review Leader. *Legal 500* 2021 lists him as one of only few "leading names" of patent litigators for Germany. *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. He also supervises Hogan Lovells Responsible Business 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 Israeli 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 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.

Life Sciences and Health Care
Technology and Telecoms
Private Capital

Areas of focus

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

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

Awards and rankings

- Recommended lawyer for Patent Law: Dispute Resolution, *Legal 500 Germany*, 2023
- Leading lawyer for patent litigation, *Legal 500 Germany*, 2023
- Recommended lawyer for patent litigation, *JUVE handbook*, 2022/2023
- Included for Intellectual Property Law, *Edition Best Lawyers™ in Germany*, 2019, 2023
- Listed as IP Star, Managing Patent, *Managing Intellectual Property IP STARS*, 2023
- Recommended lawyer for infringement, *IAM Patent 1000*, 2023
- Recommended lawyer for patent litigation, *Chambers Europe & Global*, 2018-2022
- Recommended lawyer for patents, *WirtschaftsWoche*, 2018

Latest thinking and events

- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Lennox on sale of European commercial HVAC and refrigeration businesses
- Insights and Analysis
 - Getting The Deal Through: Automotive and Mobility 2023
- Webinar
 - UPC Invitation - How to be successful in Proceedings before the UPC
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises BASF, BMW Group, Henkel, Mercedes-Benz, SAP, Schaeffler, Siemens, T-Systems, Volkswagen and ZF on Cofinity X Joint Venture
- Webinar
 - The new Unitary Patent and Unified Patent Court – Kick-start 2023
- News
 - Unified Patent Court publishes long-awaited list of

Good team player who quickly understands technical problems and their importance (Competitor)

JUVE handbook, 2020/2021

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

Steffen Steininger predominantly handles patent infringement proceedings in the automotive, telecommunications and life sciences industries. His client base consists of various well-known international corporations.

Chambers Europe and Global, 2018

Steffen Steininger predominately acts on patent litigations, including infringement and validity proceedings as well as SEP disputes. He offers experience in patents from the technology, renewable energy and automotive sectors. One client says: "Steffen is a strong IP lawyer who is responsive to client concerns

judge appointments

and happy to partner with his clients
to deliver creative solutions to
challenging problems."

Chambers Europe & Global, 2022
