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Neil is a Chartered Patent Attorney and European Patent Attorney in the Engineering and Designs Group.

Neil advises on the complete range of patent matters in the mechanical and civil engineering fields. He has extensive experience in the filing and prosecution of national, regional and international patent applications before the UK and European Patent Offices. Neil has particular experience in drafting of original applications and advising clients on freedom-to-operate issues relating to new product development. He also has extensive experience of design registrations, and in particular community design registrations.

Neil has an MEng and an MA from the University of Cambridge.

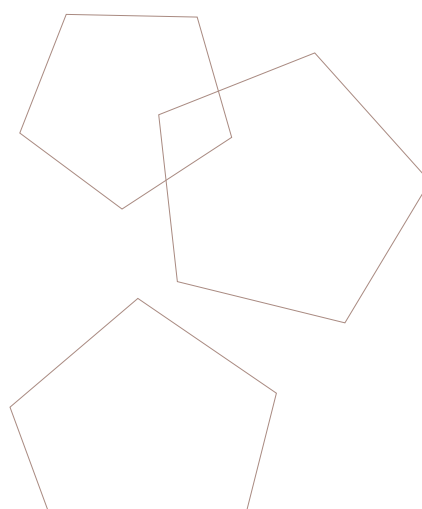
Memberships

- AMIMechE
- CIPA
- EPI

Qualifications

- UPC Representative
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Henning Erb is a German Patent Attorney, European Patent Attorney and European Trade Mark and Design Attorney. He has extensive experience in advising small and medium-sized companies, as well as international corporations, across the field of intellectual property. Henning is a part of both our Trade Mark and Domain Names Group and our Engineering and Designs Group.

Prior to joining the Boult Wade Tennant's partnership Henning was involved with various intellectual property law firms in the Frankfurt area. He has worked with a number of his clients for over 10 years, which is testimony to his creative IP problem solving and excellent client service.

He is a member of various associations in the field of IP, such as INTA, AIPPI or GRUR. He regularly attends their events. Henning speaks fluent German and English.

Trade Mark Practice

With over 25 years of practice in the field of trade marks, he has advised clients on

the registration and enforcement of their trade marks and provided strategic support in the development of trade mark portfolios.

Henning has broad and extensive experience of proceedings before the German Patent and Trademark Office (DPMA), the Federal Patent Court and the European Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO). In addition, he has been involved in a variety of procedures for the enforcement of property rights against third parties, as well as the defence of claims by third parties.

Patent practice

Henning is also a partner in our Engineering and Designs Group. He has many years' experience in private practice, specialising in bionical devices, medical devices, automotive industry and Mechanical engineering industry.

Henning's practice areas include: ultrasonic clearing technology, robotics, fastening technology,

recycling and waste management, special engineering technology, sun protection devices, general advice for contentious matters as well as patent litigation. He has experience working with start-ups, consulting with them on developing IP strategies and portfolio management.

Beside his patent work at the German and the European Patent Office, Henning also has experience in supporting clients in litigation matters.

Memberships

- German Chamber of Patent Attorneys
- EPI
- AIPPI
- FICPI
- GRUR
- INTA

Qualifications

- UPC Representative
- German Patent Attorney (Patentanwalt)
- European Patent Attorney
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Susi Fish

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Susi is a Chartered Patent Attorney and European Patent Attorney in the High Tech and Electrical Group.

Susi works across a range of technologies; mainly focused on biomedical engineering, medical physics and aerospace related matters. However, Susi has additional experience working in the fields of design, manufacture and testing of mechanical systems. She also involves colleagues with expertise in other specialities where more appropriate for particular matters. As well as prosecuting patent applications before the UKIPO and EPO, Susi has also had significant successes in opposition and appeal work before the EPO.

Susi enjoys working with a range of clients, from large corporations through to smaller entities. She always endeavours to tailor her advice and practice to suit the client.

In addition to her patent practice, Susi is involved in overseeing the firm's European Patent Validations Group, which handles the grant stage of European Patent applications before the EPO and

the subsequent patent validation procedure before national Patent Offices throughout Europe. As part of this role she is active in the firm's committee relating to the upcoming Unified Patent Court and Unitary Patent. She recently authored an article on the subject (entitled "*What you need to know about the UP and UPC*") that was published in *The Patent Lawyer*.

Susi is an active supporter of IP Inclusive, and serves as co-chair for the Women in IP group. She also sits on the Diversity and Inclusion and Women in IP committees of the Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO). Susi is a member of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) and sits on their Women in IP and IP Practice in Europe committee. She spoke on diversity and inclusion matters at the IQPC Global IP Exchange. She is a co-author on a couple of whitepapers issued by the IPO; one entitled "*Diversity in the European Innovation Industry and IP*

profession" and the other entitled "*The myth of the meritocracy in law firms and corporate legal departments*".

Susi has a MEng Mechanical and a PhD Mechanical Engineering, both from the University of Leeds. Susi's PhD focused on the investigation of the role of blood flow in the clotting of blood, using a combination of computational fluid dynamics software and experimental techniques.

Memberships

- AIMechE
- CIPA
- EPO

Qualifications

- UPC Representative
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Matthew Ridley

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Matthew is a Chartered and European Patent Attorney in the Engineering and Designs Group.

Matthew's practice involves advising on patent matters in the field of engineering and on design matters for a diverse range of products. He regularly drafts and prosecutes patent and design applications in the UK, Europe and internationally. A significant part of Matthew's practice also involves advising on the validity and infringement of both patents and designs.

Recent examples of Matthew's work include:

- Simultaneously providing freedom-to-operate advice and drafting and filing multiple patent applications in relation to client's bid for a government contract worth several £100 million;
- Successfully defending patents owned by a well-known UK company in opposition proceedings before the EPO;

- Advising an innovation group within a French multinational over several years in relation to a major new product launch, involving filing a wide design and patent portfolio and handling multiple associated freedom-to-operate projects; and
- Having a UK SME's product listing reinstated to a major online sales website following a takedown based upon an accusation of registered design infringement.

Matthew is also very active outside of his client advisory role. He is the head of the firm's Practice Committee, overseeing internal and external procedures to ensure the firm's compliance with changes in law and practice. He is a member of both the CIPA Designs & Copyright Committee and the Council of the British Group of Union IP. He also updates the invalidity chapter of

The CITMA & CIPA Community Designs Handbook and has presented on designs in webinars and other CPD events.

Matthew has an MEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering from the University of Bristol and a postgraduate certificate in Intellectual Property Law from Queen Mary University of London.

Memberships

- British Group of Union IP: council member
- CIPA: member of the Designs & Copyright Committee
- EPI

Qualifications

- UPC Representative
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- MEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering, University of Bristol



Barbara Niemann Fadani

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Barbara assists clients, at a pan-European level, on an extensive range of IP matters including trade marks and domain names, trade secrets, copyright and unfair competition. She has extensive experience in global trade mark prosecution and handles a broad range of contentious matters, acting regularly before the German and European courts including the Court of Justice, EUIPO, WIPO and DPMA. Having lived and worked in Germany, Italy and the UK she has a vast understanding of European IP law. Barbara is adept at making the complex simple and finding practical solutions to complicated IP issues. She advises on strategies for protecting, managing and exploiting brands. She has a broad commercial practice with particular focus on issues in the fashion, luxury brands, and media and entertainment industries.

Barbara is an Attorney-at-Law (Rechtsanwältin) and admitted to the bar in Germany since 1996. She sits on ECTA's Professional Affairs Committee and is also a member of the WIPO Link Committee.

Memberships

- German Bar Association DAV
- Intellectual Property and Media section of the German Bar Association
- ECTA
- CITMA

Qualifications

- UPC Representative
- German qualified Attorney at Law



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Sebastian has worked in the profession since 2016. He has experience in drafting and prosecution of both patent and trademark applications on a national and international basis, as well as invalidity proceedings.

His focus areas include physics, mechanical engineering and recycling technology.

Sebastian holds a M.Sc. and also a Dr. rer. nat. in Geosciences with a focus in Applied Geophysics. He is a native German speaker but also speaks English and French.

Memberships

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- EPI

Qualifications

- UPC Representative
- German Patent Attorney (Patentanwalt)
- Dr. rer. nat Geosciences
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- Master of Science (M.Sc.) Geosciences
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