



**KALKOFF  
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PATENTANWÄLTE

European Patent Attorneys  
European Trade Mark Attorneys

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**We move your innovations forward.**

As an IP law firm Kalkoff & Partner handles all matters concerning the protection of intellectual property (IP) rights. We thereby provide comprehensive consultancy for the successful prosecution, enforcement and defense of your intellectual property rights. The main focus of our service lies in the area of patents, utility models, trademarks and design patents. Our patent attorneys are qualified engineers and natural scientists of different technical fields, so that we are able to assist you in a wide range of technical fields.

We are ready to represent you before German and European authorities (GPTO, EPO, OHIM, WIPO). Situated centrally in Europe, we offer a convenient gateway for handling all your European IP matters with our established network of European associates.

Our working languages are German and English.





## The Team

Each of our patent attorneys has a technical or scientific university degree and practical experience in his/her special field of work as well as the requisite training and experience in the legal field. Due to these manifold qualifications we are able to deal with each technical issue quickly and comprehensively.

- Dipl.-Ing. Heinz-Dieter Kalkoff
- Dr. Maria Wurm
- Dipl.-Ing. Ingo Kalkoff, LL.M.
- Dipl.-Ing. Arijit Peters
- Dipl.-Holzwirt Arndt Jungclaus
- Eva Plohmann
- Vera Kirchhoff
- Dr.-Ing. Gudrun Wollert
- Dr. Christoph G. Jeworrek

Our services comprise: drafting and prosecuting as well as the maintenance, defense and enforcement of intellectual property rights for our clients (e.g. in infringement procedures). Furthermore, we conduct nullity and cancellation procedures, opposition procedures, etc.

Besides this we prepare expert opinions and assist our clients in license negotiations. We further conduct comprehensive technical searches.





Dipl.-Ing. Heinz-Dieter Kalkoff

**Technical Fields**

Mechanical Engineering  
Automotive Technology  
Medical and Orthopaedic  
Technology  
Environmental Technology  
Process Engineering  
Building Technology

**Focus**

- consultancy for patent and trademark strategies
- consultancy concerning license agreements
- enforcement of property rights
- conducting license negotiations
- conducting infringement proceedings before civil and nullity courts

# Patent Attorneys



Dr. Maria Wurm

## Technical Fields

Environmental Technology  
Wood Technology  
Chemistry  
Process Engineering  
Building Technology  
Materials Engineering

## Focus

- designing application strategies for patents and trademarks
- drafting of patent and utility model applications
- handling and coordinating prosecution proceedings before the German Patent and Trademark Office GPTO, the European Patent Office EPO, the Office for the Harmonization of the International Market OHIM
- conducting opposition procedures
- conducting nullity procedures
- negotiating license agreements
- defending and enforcing property rights
- drafting legal opinions regarding industrial property rights, e.g. patentability or validity of intellectual property rights



Dipl. Ing. Ingo Kalkoff, LL.M.

## Technical Fields

Electrical Engineering  
Automotive Engineering  
Micro und Nanotechnology  
Physics  
Optics  
Materials Engineering  
Software Engineering

## Focus

- drafting and filing of patent and utility model applications
- handling and coordinating prosecution proceedings before the German Patent and Trademark Office GPTO, the European Patent Office EPO, the Office for the Harmonization of the International Market OHIM
- consultancy concerning software protection
- litigation of intellectual property rights
- consultancy of licensors and licensees
- conducting nullity actions with respect to intellectual property rights
- legal opinions, particularly concerning issues of infringement of intellectual property rights



Dipl.-Ing. Arijit Peters

## Technical Fields

Automotive Technology  
Medical and Orthopaedic Technology  
Materials Technology  
Building Technology

## Focus

- drafting and filing of patent and utility model applications
- drafting and filing of design patent applications
- drafting of search strategies for clients, evaluating search results
- conducting opposition proceedings national and international prosecution procedures before the German Patent and Trademark Office GPTO, the European Patent Office EPO, the Office for the Harmonization of the International Market OHIM
- conducting opposition
- consultancy regarding trademarks, especially trademark collisions
- consultancy for defense strategies of intellectual property rights and regarding issues of infringement of intellectual property rights
- advice with regard to German Employee Invention Act
- preparing license agreements



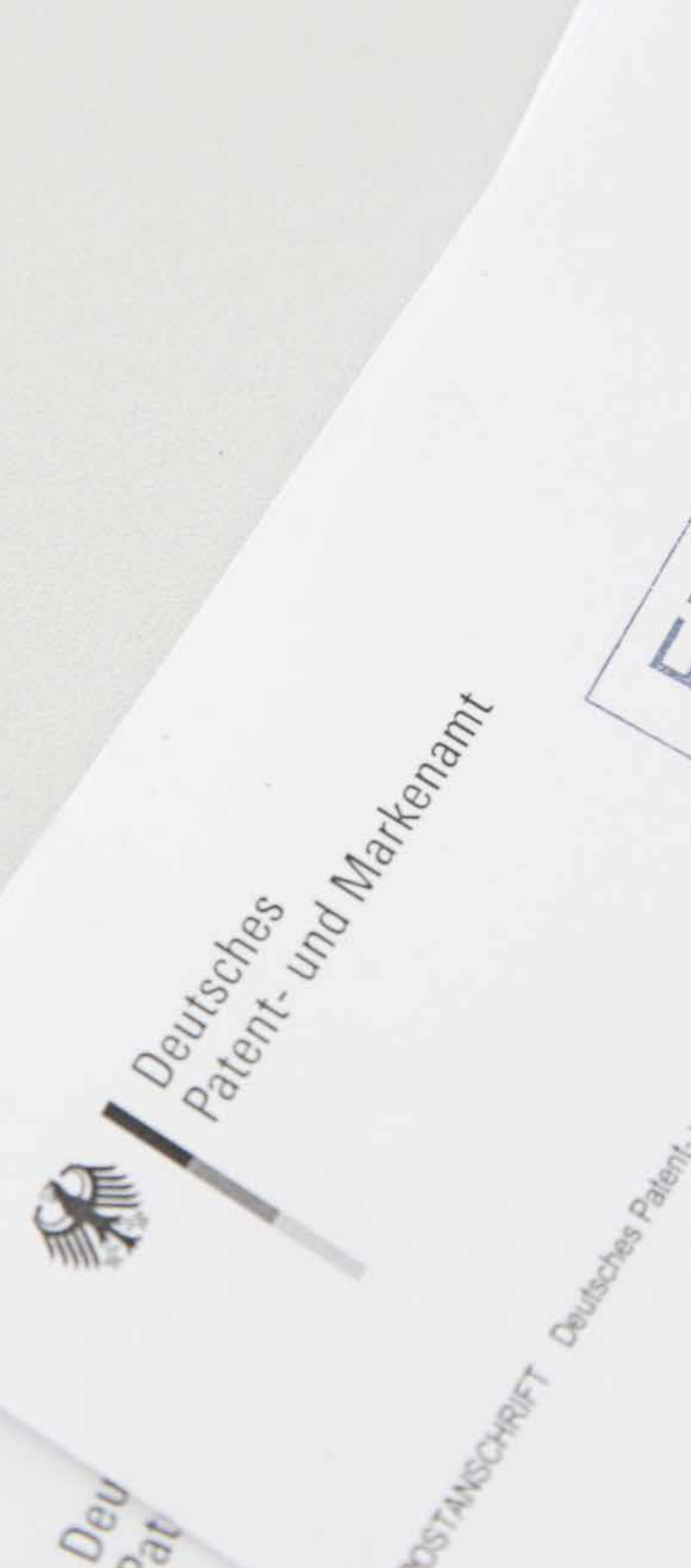
Arndt Jungclaus

## Technical Fields

Wood Technology  
Process Engineering  
Toolmaking Technology  
Building Technology  
Automotive Technology  
Dental Technology

## Focus

- drafting of search strategies, evaluating of search results
- drafting of patent and utility model applications
- handling and coordinating prosecution proceedings before the German Patent and Trademark Office GPTO
- consultancy for design patent applications, especially with respect to filing strategies
- preparing of patent-related opinions
- conducting trademark applications



Attorney-at-law Eva Plohmann

**Focus**

- consultancy in questions of law regarding Domestic Trademarks, Community Trademarks and International Trademarks, in particular prosecution and enforcement of trademarks in collision and infringement proceedings and other disputes
- domain name disputes
- Copyright Law
- Unfair Competition Law



# Competence Team



Vera Kirchhoff

## Focus

- consultancy with respect to questions of trademark applications in Germany and abroad
- designing trademark strategies
- trademark searches
- drafting and prosecuting of trademark applications in Germany, in the EU, and abroad
- registration of trademarks under the Madrid Agreement and Protocol
- drafting and prosecuting of Community Trademark applications



Dr. Christoph G. Jeworrek

## Technical Fields

Chemistry  
Physics  
Environmental Engineering  
Process Engineering  
Materials Technology

## Focus

- conducting and evaluating of technical searches
- drafting of patent and utility model applications
- support in national and international patent and trademark procedures



Dr.-Ing. Gudrun Wollert

## Technical Fields

Mechanical Engineering  
Chemistry  
Physics  
Environmental Engineering  
Process Engineering  
Materials Technology

## Focus

- drafting of search strategies for technical property rights
- patent searches
- evaluation of search results
- drafting of patent and utility model applications
- patent prosecution



# Property Rights

## Patents

Patents protect technical inventions. New technologies are valuable and can be exclusively protected by patents or utility models to hold off competitors. Patents reflect the innovative capacity of a company.

We assist you to use these intellectual property rights in the best possible manner.

We directly represent you before the German Patent and Trademark Office and the European Patent Office. We work closely with a widespread net of international associates for handling patent matters other than before the GPTO and EPO.

As patent attorneys with expertise in various technical fields we are prepared to give advice with respect to all technical and legal issues. We take care of prosecution as well as maintenance of your intellectual property rights and assist you in case of infringement thereof. Furthermore, we offer consultancy regarding the following matters: litigation, patent searches, license agreements, border seizure procedures, monitoring of property rights of your competitors.

## Trademarks

The trademark is the individual name for your product. We assist our clients in filing trademark applications and in prosecuting trademark applications, in the examination procedure as well as in conflicts.

Furthermore, we offer consultancy concerning all other trademark related procedures, such as conducting trademark searches to investigate, whether the name or the logo of your product may be used without risk of infringement. We provide advice regarding the scope of protection, which your trademark could enjoy, but also with respect to national and international filing strategies - always keeping your budget in view. As patent attorneys we are your contact in all questions regarding licensing, plagiarism, infringement of trademarks or monitoring of trademarks as well as border seizure procedures.

## Designs

The design of a product represents an independent value and can be additionally protected by the registration of design property rights (design patent).

As patent attorneys we assist you in obtaining a sophisticated and customized design protection. We are acting directly for you in Germany and the European Community. We are closely cooperating with a network of international associates to ascertain design patents in other countries.

We offer to assist you with conducting prosecution proceedings or obtaining a license, and can represent you in possible disputes in cases of infringement of your design patents. We are specialists in the field of border seizure procedures, which serve to prevent a pirate copy from entering your market.

# Legal advice

## License Agreements

Licenses and license agreements respectively allow to use property rights owned by third parties. By granting licenses, third parties are entitled to use your property rights. License agreements may be concluded with respect to patents, utility models, trademarks or design property rights (design patents), but also regarding confidential know-how.

When granting or obtaining a license, numerous details have to be considered, i.e. license fee, license territory and also which embodiment of the product is the object of the license and whether an exclusive license or a simple license shall be negotiated.

As patent attorneys we are your contact to advise you with respect to these issues and to prepare and evaluate license agreements. We also offer to assist you in the negotiations with your license partners. With a team of patent attorneys of different technical fields, we are able to meet the individual demands of your license project.

## Expert Opinions

Our patent attorneys are experts for technical and legal issues, dealing daily with patents, utility models, trademarks and design patents. This work also comprehends the evaluation of intellectual property rights, including due diligence. We prepare expert opinions, primarily to verify or judge whether patents, trademarks or design patents are infringed by external or internal products but also, based on our experience in different technical fields, for the evaluation of property rights in connection with the acquisition and sale thereof and the conclusion of license agreements.

## Disputes

You note that competitors do not respect your property rights, or you face attacks of third parties based on their patents, utility models, trademarks or design patents. Our patent attorneys in their particular technical fields also deal with legal questions with respect to these intellectual property rights and assist you in disputes. We are your contact for handling warning letters, preliminary injunctions, legal actions or official proceedings. Furthermore, we represent you in negotiations for amicable settlement of a dispute. We offer our experience and skill in proceedings applicable to attack and defend industrial property rights. We support you in disputes, and evaluate the chances of success in lawsuits and for defending against attacks for you. For efficient approaches in a dispute, we work out recommendations and do not only consider legal actions, but also direct negotiations with the opponent.

## Border Control and Seizure

Pirate copies, which appear in the German and European market, provoke confusion and cause damage to the reputation of your product. The European customs authorities offer owners of patents, trademarks and design patents to verify, whether imported goods are pirate copies and to seize these goods, if applicable. We organize border control/ seizure procedures through German and European authorities for you. For this purpose we prepare the documents and coordinate the information with you needed by the customs authorities to perform the border control efficiently. In the case of seizure, we coordinate further actions against these product pirates.

## Special fields of work

### Secrecy

Development of new products often requires the cooperation with third parties. Inventions that have been made are not yet protected. Secrecy is of first priority here to avoid premature publication of own developments, which would render it impossible to apply for property rights, particularly patents and design patents.

Our patent attorneys assist you by drafting appropriate secrecy agreements. We also examine the secrecy agreements presented to you by your cooperation partners for signature.

### Domains

Domains, addresses in the world-wide net, may become the object of disputes. Domains are attacked for example, because they are considered to be trademark-infringing and unfair in competition. Our patent attorneys understand the rules which have to be observed concerning the registration and use of domains. We will represent you as the owner of a domain or trademark in all proceedings and disputes resulting from domains. Here, typical procedures are particularly arbitration procedures, which regulate the ownership of domains.

### Competence

The technical fields covered by the patent attorneys of our firm comprise

- Mechanical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Automotive Technology
- Medical and Orthopedic Technology
- Micro and Nanotechnology
- Optics
- Environmental Technology
- Wood Technology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Process Engineering
- Materials Technology
- Software Engineering
- Building Engineering

The following non-technical IP rights form another essential part of our scope of activities:

- Trademarks
- Designs





**We protect and defend your intellectual property right.**

However, the social component is just as important as the professional expertise.

Personal contact as well as a responsible and future-oriented approach characterize Kalkoff & Partner.

Our numerous longstanding mandates reflect these efforts.



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