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## **BARDEHLE PAGENBERG team is growing by another six attorneys-at-law and patent attorneys**

**The growth of the BARDEHLE PAGENBERG team remains unabated in the second half of 2024. Both attorneys-at-law and patent attorneys are expanding the joint legal and technical team of the IP boutique, and new operational specialists are supporting the long-term growth.**

Johannes Lang, Managing Partner of BARDEHLE PAGENBERG, warmly welcomes all newcomers: “Their professional expertise and interpersonal qualities are the driving force behind our team. In a rapidly changing IP world, these are the very characteristics that make the crucial difference for our clients—the highest level of professional excellence, coupled with commercial perspicacity, in a perfectly coordinated team that complements each other in many ways.”

**Dr. Sabine Kossak** joined the firm from Olbricht Patentanwälte, where she was head of the Hamburg office. “BARDEHLE PAGENBERG offers the best of both worlds: experienced patent attorneys from all technical fields working closely with outstanding attorneys-at-law. This ensures that my clients receive good, long-term advice at a very high level, even in the face of changes and challenges brought about by the UPC and AI.”

**Dr. Nico Karius** on his motivation: “I look forward to putting my special technical expertise to use at BARDEHLE PAGENBERG and find it especially exciting that the patent and legal practices are very well balanced within the firm. This means we can always put together the perfect team for our clients.”

**Lisa Lilge** feels vindicated: “My time as a research associate at BARDEHELE PAGENBERG has already convinced me of the exceptional team spirit and the high quality of the work. I am very happy to now be part of BARDEHLE PAGENBERG as an attorney-at-law and to grow with the new tasks.”

**Dr. Niels Gierse** joins from Hogan Lovells, where he represented international clients in patent infringement and validity proceedings, including UPC proceedings. In addition, he led LegalTech projects. “To me, the integration of contentious proceedings and grant proceedings at BARDEHLE PAGENBERG is particularly appealing—similar to crash testing in car manufacturing, these areas complement each other. I look forward to high-tech mandates and to jointly advancing the use of artificial intelligence in our day-to-day work.”

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**Dr. Markus Morgenroth** joins from a renowned Munich law firm, where he represented national and international clients in patent disputes and advised them on contract law matters. “I am very pleased to join a powerful team of attorneys-at-law and patent attorneys who are pioneering the litigation of disputes before the UPC, thus shaping the case law of a newly created court from scratch.”

**Eva Flach** starts her professional career working for BARDEHLE PAGENBERG: “I am delighted to be starting my career as an attorney-at-law directly in one of the leading IP law firms and to be able to learn from the best in their field.”



**Sabine Kossak**

Dr. rer. nat., Dipl.-Chem.

Patent attorney, European  
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Dr. Sabine Kossak specializes in patent prosecution and litigation in the fields of chemistry, pharmaceuticals, and materials science. In addition to her comprehensive knowledge of patent prosecution, she has experience in opposition and nullity proceedings gained during her time at Harmsen Utescher.

Dr. Sabine Kossak also advises clients on design application proceedings and design disputes as well as on issues about employee inventions law.

She is co-chair of the GRUR expert committee on design law and regularly gives lectures on design law topics in Germany and abroad.



**Nico Karius**

Dr.-Ing., M.Sc. Hearing  
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Dr. Nico Karius is a patent attorney with a specialist technical background. Thanks to his studies in media technology, hearing technology and audiology, supplemented by a doctorate in the field of digital audio signal processing, he is at home at the interface between digital signal processing, medical technology, telecommunications, and computer science.

Before working in intellectual property law, Nico was involved in research and teaching at the Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg as part of the “Hearing4all” Cluster of Excellence.

After completing his training as a patent attorney at the law firm GLAWE DELFS MOLL in Hamburg, he was particularly entrusted with the support of national and international patent grant proceedings, as well as being involved in opposition, nullity, and infringement proceedings.



**Lisa Lilge**

LL.M. (Amsterdam)

Attorney-at-law  
(Rechtsanwältin)

Munich office

Lisa Lilge chose intellectual property and competition law as the focus of her training during her studies and legal clerkship in Munich.

Following her time as a research associate at BARDEHLE PAGENBERG, Lisa Lilge completed an LL.M. in European Competition Law and Regulation in Amsterdam. During this time, she enhanced her practical knowledge of intellectual property by working for a leading international law firm in the Netherlands, De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek.

As an attorney-at-law with a focus on trademark, design and competition law, Lisa Lilge is now starting her professional career at BARDEHLE PAGENBERG.

**Niels Gierse**

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German and European Patent  
Attorney, UPC Representative,  
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Dr. Niels Gierse is a German and European patent attorney and UPC representative with extensive experience in contentious patent proceedings. His expertise covers various technical fields, including communication technologies, software, and fusion research.

Before entering the patent field, he acquired his technical knowledge at universities in Germany and the USA and cooperated with the Chinese fusion program.

He has comprehensive experience in the use of Artificial Intelligence and LegalTech in patent law practice.

**Markus Morgenroth**

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Dr. Markus Morgenroth advises national and international clients in the field of intellectual property law and related areas of law. He specializes in technical property rights and represents his clients in disputes in and out of court as well as in questions of contract drafting.

Dr. Markus Morgenroth already focused on intellectual property rights during his studies and legal clerkship. His doctorate also addressed an IP law topic.

Dr. Markus Morgenroth is a member of the German Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (*Deutsche Vereinigung für gewerblichen Rechtsschutz und Urheberrecht, GRUR*). He is currently training to become a Certified IP lawyer.



**Eva Flach**

Attorney-at-law  
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Eva Flach studied at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich and spent time at the University of Lausanne and a law firm in Stockholm as part of her training. During her studies and legal clerkship, she gained experience in various areas of law as a research associate at several major international law firms such as Bird & Bird and Eversheds Sutherland.

In addition to her work as an attorney-at-law, she is a doctoral candidate at the University of Mannheim and her dissertation deals with the protection of trade secrets in proceedings before the UPC.

For further information on the international team of attorneys and patent attorneys of BARDEHLE PAGENBERG, please visit <https://www.bardehle.com/en/team>.

**BARDEHLE PAGENBERG** combines the professional expertise of attorneys-at-law, patent attorneys, professional representatives before the European Patent Office, specialized trademark lawyers, and qualified technical consultants. Our consulting services are tailored to our clients' individual needs and the specific circumstances of each case.

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