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BARDEHLE PAGENBERG promotes new equity partners, partners, and counsel

At the beginning of the new year, there is again movement on the career ladder in the team of patent attorneys and attorneys-at-law: BARDEHLE PAGENBERG appoints two partners as equity partners, one associate and one counsel as partners, and two associates as counsel.

Johannes Lang, Managing Partner at BARDEHLE PAGENBERG, is pleased to announce six appointments at the same time—the highest number ever at the turn of a year in the firm’s history: “This is a strong sign that our team is also growing strongly from within.”

While long-standing partners Dr. Axel Berger and Dr. Patrick Heckeler are taking on responsibility as equity partners, Dr. Dominik Woll and Dr. Johannes Möller have been admitted to the partnership and Dr. Kerstin Galler and Sebastian Müller are now counsel at the firm.

“With their expertise, their outstanding commitment to our clients, their dedication to the team and, last but not least, their determination to succeed, they help form the foundation of our firm,” says Johannes Lang, “also as role models and sparring partners on an equal footing.”

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As a patent attorney, Dr. Axel Berger specializes in the fields of life sciences and pharmaceuticals, particularly gene technology, biochemistry, cell biology, immunology, virology, pharmacology, and medical devices. His technical expertise is based not least on his many years of international research activities.

In addition to patent prosecution proceedings, Axel Berger’s professional practice includes defending and attacking patents in opposition proceedings. Another focus of his work is the enforcement and defense of IP rights in patent infringement and (parallel) nullity proceedings, both before the relevant German courts and before the Unified Patent Court (UPC).

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With his studies of computer science, Patrick Heckeler has reliable expertise in the patentability of inventions in the field of computer technology. In addition to specializing in computer science, he also handles patents in the fields of multimedia technology and telecommunications.

His main areas of practice as a German patent attorney include patent prosecution, opposition and appeal proceedings as well as infringement and nullity complaints.

Patrick Heckeler has excellent knowledge in the areas of computer architecture, operating systems, databases, embedded systems, audio and video coding, virtualization, and network technology. Having participated in the Safety-Critical Systems Research Group of the computer research department of the University of Tübingen, he also has extensive knowledge of the development and verification of safety-critical systems in the automotive industry and industrial automation.



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Dr. Dominik Woll advises German and international clients on issues of patent litigation and technology-related copyright law, competition law and antitrust law. He is involved in proceedings relating to patent and copyright infringements as well as competition law, frequently on a transnational level. Dr. Dominik Woll draws up expert opinions on complex questions of (potential) IP infringements.

Dr. Dominik Woll primarily advises on various technical areas, especially in the fields of pharma and life sciences, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, and telecommunications. He has comprehensive experience in standard-essential patents (SEP) and their enforcement and/or defense against their enforcement, including FRAND issues and related licensing matters. Additionally, he is an expert on comprehensive damages proceedings.



Johannes S. Möller

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Dr. Johannes Möller specializes in the fields of high-tech, physics, and mechanics. His main areas of practice are communication systems, network technology, navigation systems, video coding, semiconductors, artificial intelligence, machine learning, computer-based inventions, automotive, and sporting goods.

His technical expertise is based on a degree in physics from Oxford University and several years of research in the fields of quantum physics and solid-state physics as well as high-performance computing at Oxford, and as an ETH Fellow at ETH Zurich.

Dr. Johannes Möller's legal practice includes national, European, and international patent prosecution. He advises clients in validity proceedings before the German Federal Patent Court,

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the German Federal Court of Justice, the Unified Patent Court, the European Patent Office and the German Patent and Trademark Office. Another area of focus is the enforcement of intellectual property rights in patent infringement proceedings before German courts and the Unified Patent Court. In addition, he advises clients in the areas of patent vindication, employee invention law, and freedom to operate.



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Kerstin Galler advises as an attorney-at-law (Rechtsanwältin) with a focus on patent litigation.

Prior to and during her studies of law, for several years, she worked as a biochemist in two interdisciplinary research groups in the fields of cancer and sepsis research as well as applied spectroscopy where she also gained hands-on experience with machine learning methods.

At BARDEHLE PAGENBERG, she applies her knowledge as a natural scientist in the context of patent law to the benefit of the firm's clients.



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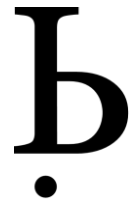
The main activities of Sebastian Müller as a patent attorney relate to patent prosecution and opposition proceedings before the German Patent and Trademark Office and the European Patent Office as well as patent infringement proceedings before the German regional courts and parallel nullity proceedings before the German Federal Patent Court. He advises our clients in the field of sporting goods and in various areas of telecommunication technologies. His previous experience in several consultancies further enables him to take economic aspects into account when providing advice to clients.

In addition to his general knowledge in the field of experimental physics, Sebastian Müller has particular expertise in nanotechnology (nanophotonics, nanoelectronics, and nanostructures), semiconductor physics, and materials science.

* For a list of the members of our PartGmbH, see our [legal notices](#).

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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