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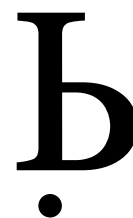
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Claus Eckhardt's practice focuses on the prosecution and enforcement of trademarks, designs and copyright, as well as on unfair competition and related domain name issues. He also specializes in the field of anti-counterfeiting, parallel imports, and the licensing and merchandising of brands.

As head of the firm's trademark department, Claus Eckhardt has, for almost two decades, been managing the IP portfolios of SMEs as well as multinational corporations and advising them on this matter in a diverse range of industries, including pharmaceutical, consumer health care, household goods, IT, hotel services, banking, food & beverage, fashion and clothing, as well as enforcing and defending IP rights before the European Union Intellectual Property Office, national German courts, the German Patent and Trademark Office, and the General Court in Luxembourg.

Claus Eckhardt is an active member of MARQUES, INTA (currently on the Trademark Reporter Committee), PTMG and GRUR. He is also on the advisory board of Intellectual Property Magazine. He frequently speaks at conferences and seminars and regularly produces publications on topics within his areas of practice.



Legal Areas

Trademarks

Copyright

Domain Names

Unfair Competition Law

Designs

Industries



Chemistry, Pharma & Life Sciences



Sports



Food



Fashion



Recommended in



Claus Eckhartt [...] understands our system very well and offers us a great service! He evaluates our matters in detail, gives us a good recommendation and then carries it out to our satisfaction.

Legal 500, 2025

A consummate professional with profound expertise in trademark law. He offers strategic counsel on intricate clearance and prosecution issues, as well as adeptly handling enforcement and litigation across Germany and Europe.

WTR 1000, 2025

Claus Eckhartt is a thorough lawyer who provides practical, business-oriented advice.

Chambers Global, 2025

Claus is a trusted and experienced IP legal adviser. He is diligent, hardworking, professional and client focused [...]. He delivers efficient service and deep expertise. He is always constructive and results oriented [...] He takes a commercial perspective on every matter – to his patrons' benefit.

WTR 1000, 2024

He acts in opposition as well as cancellation proceedings, colour mark infringements and worldwide trade mark prosecution.

Chambers Global, 2024

Claus is a trusted legal adviser with a keen understanding of his clients' businesses, so his legal advice is always commercially focused. Claus is very responsive, well reasoned and concise, which is incredibly helpful in allowing clients to understand the legal issues, the risks involved and what options are available.

WTR 1000, 2023

Eckhartt is fair, measured and competent.

Chambers Global and Europe, 2023

In a word, Claus is excellent. His legal advice is concise, well reasoned and always considers clients' business objectives. He thinks outside the box; often comes up with creative suggestions; and is thorough, measured and balanced.

WTR 1000, 2022

Claus Eckhartt has an impressive client list that consists of multinational beverage corporations, musical instrument manufacturers and cosmetics companies.

Chambers Global and Europe, 2022



Memberships

Claus Eckhardt is an active member of MARQUES, INTA, PTMG and GRUR. He is also on the advisory board of Intellectual Property Magazine.



Curriculum Vitae

2009 - 2014	Co-managing partner of the firm
2001 - today	Partner at BARDEHLE PAGENBERG in Munich, Germany
1996 - 2001	Attorney-at-Law at BARDEHLE PAGENBERG, Munich, Germany
1994 - 1996	Attorney-at-Law at the patent and law firm Grünecker, Kinkeldey, Stockmair & Schwanhäusser, Munich, Germany
1993 - 1994	Attorney-at-Law at the patent and law firm Kuhnen, Wacker & Partner, Freising, Germany
1993	Second State Law Examination (bar admission exam)Licensed to practice as an attorney-at-law
1992	Training period at the law firm De Smedt Dasselé Akin Gump & Feld International, Brussels, Belgium
1990 - 1992	Trainee with the law firm Freiherr von Thielmann, Munich, Germany
1990	First State Law Examination (degree-level qualification)
1984 - 1990	Law Degree at the Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Germany