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Dr. Christof Karl specializes in litigation and prosecution of patents, particularly in the technical fields of computer hardware and software. He has extensive experience in multi-jurisdictional cases in the field of telecommunications, including with regard to all aspects of patent-related anti-trust law. He also advises clients on issues of licensing, employee invention law, copyright law and Internet law.

Dr. Karl represents clients in patent infringement proceedings before the German Regional Courts and the Courts of Appeal, and in patent invalidity proceedings before the European Patent Office, the German Patent and Trade Mark Office, the German Federal Patent Court, and the German Federal Court of Justice. One of the main areas of his patent prosecution practice relates to the patentability of software and other computer-implemented inventions.

His clients include leading U.S. companies in the computer, computer-network, telecommunications and financial-services sectors, a major Japanese computer game manufacturer, a world market leader in tobacco articles and e-cigarettes, as well as small and medium-sized German and international companies operating in industries relating to software, electronics, laboratory equipment, car parts, sports articles, hygiene products, and food.

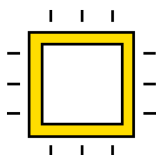
With his unique multiple qualifications as an attorney-at-law licensed to practice in Germany and New York, a computer scientist, and a German and European Patent Attorney, he is able to handle both the legal and technical aspects of a case. His technical knowledge is particularly valuable in patent infringement proceedings, when the technical facts need to be precisely defined and communicated. In turn, his litigation experience and international focus allow him to draft patent claims proving to be both valid and powerful in the case of enforcement, and to give strategic advice in developing and exploiting cost-effective international patent portfolios.



Legal Areas

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Patent Litigation	Patent Prosecution
Copyright	Employee Inventions
Oppositions and Nullity	Due Diligence
Unitary Patent	Unified Patent Court

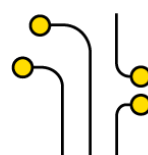
Industries



Semiconductor Technology



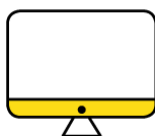
Mechanical Engineering



Electrical Engineering



Medical Devices



Software, IT & Computer Technology



Telecommunications



Recommended in



Christof is a very diligent practitioner who communicates clearly and provides actionable advice on all patent matters. He has an excellent work ethic, brilliant legal skills, and great judgement.

IAM Patent 1000, 2024

Karl is a computer hardware expert, with extensive experience in multi-jurisdictional telecom cases. He is a market leader in patentability analyses for software and computer-implemented inventions.

IAM Patent 1000, 2023

Karl is a go-to person for issues around telecommunications patents and patent-related antitrust law. As one of his clients puts it: ›His advice is sound and solid and creative at times which has helped us push forward some initiatives that have made it to the market unchallenged. At times, he can work on very close deadline without the quality of the work product to be affected.‹.

IAM Patent 1000, 2022

Telecommunications expert Karl ... is truly multi-talented: dual qualified as a patent attorney and attorney at law, he is also licensed to practise law in both Germany and New York and speaks four languages fluently.

IAM Patent 1000, 2021

›absolut empfehlenswert‹ (Mandant)

Juve, 2019

Christof Karl ... [is] among the experienced European patent attorneys in the firm. Karl is qualified as a lawyer and patent attorney.

Managing Intellectual Property, Patent Stars, 2018

Christof Karl is qualified as an attorney-at-law and patent attorney, and capably handles both litigation and prosecution matters. He is at his most visible in the areas of computer software, hardware and telecommunications, and has particular experience representing Japanese companies.

Chambers Global, 2018

Christof Karl is a distinguished practitioner with a wealth of experience in patent litigation and prosecution, particularly in the computing sector.

Who's Who Legal Patents, 2018

Christof Karl is ›level-headed and pragmatic‹ [and] Christof Karl is noted for his ›brilliant, strategic thinking‹.

The Legal 500 (EMEA), 2017



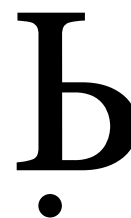
Memberships

He is a board member of AIPPI Germany, author of the book “Der urheberrechtliche Schutzbereich von Computerprogrammen”, as well as several other publications, and co-author of the book “Patent Law and Theory”.



Lectures & Seminars

Dr. Christof Karl teaches patent law at the Munich Intellectual Property Law Center (MIPLC), at the Université de Liège, and at the Center for Advanced Study and Research on Intellectual Property (CASRIP) of the George Washington School of Law. He also regularly speaks at German and international IP Conferences.



Curriculum Vitae

2024 - today	Co-Managing Partner of the firm
2023	Registration as a Representative before the UPC
2011	Licensed to practice as a European Patent Attorney
2010 - today	Partner at BARDEHLE PAGENBERG, Munich, Germany
2009	Licensed to practice as a German Patent Attorney
2009	Awarded Ph.D. ("Dr. iur.") in Law, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Germany
2009	Admitted to the New York Bar as an attorney-at-law
2007 - 2008	Patent assessor
2007 - 2008	LL.M. in Intellectual Property Law at the George Washington University (GWU), Washington DC, USA
2003 - 2007	Trainee attorney-at-law and patent attorney at BARDEHLE PAGENBERG, Munich, Germany
2003	Attorney-at-law at Baker & McKenzie, Munich, Germany
2003	Second State Law Examination (bar admission exam): licensed to practice as a German attorney-at-law
2002 - 2008	Ph.D. (Thesis: Scope of copyright protection for software) at the Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Germany
2000 - 2002	Trainee with law firms in Paris (France), Madrid (Spain) and San José (Costa Rica)
2000	First State Law Examination (degree-level qualification)
1996 - 2000	Degree in Law at the Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Germany
1996 - 1997	Diploma in Computer Science at Cambridge University, UK
1994 - 2002	Software developer with various companies, including iXOS Software AG, jambit GmbH and Siemens Business Service
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