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OVERVIEW

Christiane Schweizer is of counsel and has been active in the area of intellectual property since 2006. She focuses on patent prosecution, opposition and appeal proceedings, patent invalidation, and patent litigation. She also provides patentability, validity, freedom-to-operate, and infringement opinions and is involved in nullity and infringement proceedings. Christiane assists international companies with global patent prosecution strategies and portfolio developments. She is particularly experienced in creating and defending Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPC) covering the majority of European jurisdictions.

As a certified pharmacist, Christiane's technical experience is in chemistry, pharmaceuticals, and life sciences, particularly pharmaceutical technology, organic and inorganic chemistry, pharmacology, medical devices, and products.

She has extensive knowledge in handling patent portfolios in the fields of cosmetics, food supplements, and medical devices, for instance transdermal therapeutic systems, for both originators and generic pharmaceutical companies.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining K&L Gates in October 2017, Christiane worked at another renowned international law firm since 2011. Prior to this, she was a patent attorney in the patent department of a multinational pharmaceutical company in Austria, which focuses on generics in the field of antibiotics and oncology.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Christiane Schweizer is a registered representative before the Unified Patent Court (UPC)
- Member of the Institute of Professional Representatives before the European Patent Office (epi)
- Member of the German Patent Bar Association
- Member of the German Bar Association for Certified Pharmacists
- Member of the German Association of Intellectual Property Experts (VPP)

- Board member of the German Group of Union IP

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Biosimilars and Patent Law," presented to Meeting of Task Force Pro Biosimilars, April 12, 2018

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND

- German Federal Office for Plant Varieties (BSA) and Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO)
- International Bureau of WIPO (IB)
- Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM, European Community Trademarks and Designs)

EDUCATION

- European Qualifying Examination, European Patent Office, 2012
- German Patent Bar Exam, University of Hagen, 2009
- Third State Exam in Pharmacy, State of Bavaria, 2005 *(Certified Pharmacist)*
- Second State Exam in Pharmacy, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, 2003
- First State Exam in Pharmacy, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, 2001

ADMISSIONS

- European Patent Office (EPO)
- European Union Intellectual Property Office
- German Patent and Trademark Office (GPTO)
- Unified Patent Court
- German Federal Court of Justice (BGH) in nullity appeal proceedings
- German Federal Patent Court (BPatG)

LANGUAGES

- English
- French
- German

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 10 March 2025, Unified Patent Court Publishes First Annual Report
- 28 March 2023, Technical Effect Embodied in Technical Teaching
- 12 July 2021, Finally – German Constitutional Court Clears the Way for the Unified Patent Court
- 20 March 2020, German Constitutional Court Partly Slows Down the Unified Patent Court Agreement Process
- 18 July 2019, Producers of generic medicines and biosimilars even more supported by EU
- 11 April 2019, Interplay of Patents, Technology and Data
- 26 April 2018, Getting closer to put the UPC into force
- 11 January 2018, CJEU Confirms: Supplemental Protection Certificate Application Requires Issued Marketing Authorization

NEWS & EVENTS

- 5 July 2018, K&L Gates Advises Mölnlycke on Acquisition of German Medical Technology Company SastoMed

OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- "Envipco and DPG settle dispute over bottle deposit system," JUVE Patent, 4 March 2021

AREAS OF FOCUS

- IP Procurement and Portfolio Management
- IP Litigation
- Post-Grant Patents

INDUSTRIES

- Consumer Goods and Services
- Food, Beverage, and Agribusiness
- Life Sciences