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Marco is a highly experienced lawyer, skilled in handling national and international patent infringement cases, border seizure proceedings and conflicts arising from technology-related contracts. He advises companies in the areas of technical IP rights, technology transfers and also on a wide variety of contractual matters. He acts in an advisory capacity on questions relating to design rights, competition law, employee inventions and trade secrets. Marco has headed Maiwald's legal department since 2017. He lectures in intellectual property rights at the University of Dresden and is associate lecturer in patent and international contract law at the University of Marburg.

TESTIMONIALS

"With robust enforcement experience and deep knowledge of the laws governing tech transfer agreements and patent licensing, Marco Stief is an excellent adviser for patent legal issues. When not advising clients, Stief lectures aspiring IP professionals at two universities."

- [IAM Patent 1000, 2023](#)

"Bei Marco Stief merkt man, dass er die Branche einfach durch und durch kennt. Neben hervorragenden juristischen Kenntnissen, verfügt er über ein schnelles technisches Verständnis unserer sehr verschiedenen Produkte. Entscheidend für uns ist allerdings, dass er immer auch die langfristigen Konsequenzen im Blick hat, und den Markt sowie angrenzenden Rechtsbereiche sehr gut kennt. Dadurch ist es ihm möglich, auch kreative Lösungen zu entwickeln und unmittelbar auf Ebene der Geschäftsführung Lösungsansätze und Strategien zu besprechen."

- [Legal 500 Germany, 2023](#)

CAREER

since 2017	Partner, shareholder and managing director at Maiwald
since 2013	Attorney-at-law at Maiwald
2009 - 2013	Director Legal at Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA
2001 - 2009	Attorney-at-law in the „Magic Circle“ law firms Freshfields, Clifford Chance and Baker & McKenzie

EDUCATION

2019	Doctoral degree (Dr iur.) from the University of Basel
2001	Admitted to the bar
2000 - 2001	Master's degree in law (LL.M.) from the University of Chicago
1998 - 2000	Trainee lawyer in Mannheim, Singapore and Chicago
1993 - 1998	Studied law at the University of Bayreuth and the Eberhard Karls University Tübingen

PRACTICE AREAS

- Patents & Utility Models
- Employee Invention Law
- Supplementary Protection Certificates
- Agreements
- Competition & Antitrust Law
- Pharmaceutical Law

SERVICES

- Patent Litigation
- Drafting and negotiating IP and technology transfer agreements
- Advice on German employee invention law
- Pharmaceutical law

RECOGNITIONS

- Listed in IAM Strategy 300 Global Leaders 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- Listed in IAM Strategy 300 as one of the world's leading IP strategists 2021, 2022, 2023
- World IP Review: Patent Leader Germany 2022, 2023
- For many years listed in IAM Patent 1000 „The World's Leading Patent Professionals“
- Recommended in Handelsblatt | Best Lawyers "Germany's Best Lawyers" 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
- Recommended in MIP IP Stars 2017, 2021, 2022, 2023
- Recommended in Legal 500 Deutschland 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
- Named in Who's Who Legal 2019 and 2020 as one of the six most highly regarded German patent litigators, recognized by Who's Who Legal as Thought Leader (Germany) in Patent Law (2021), Global Leader IP-Patents (2021), Life Sciences Patent Litigation (2022), National Leader Germany-Patents (2022, 2023), Thought Leader Germany-Patents (2022), Global Leader IP-Patents (2022), Listed as One of the world's leading practitioners in the Who's Who Legal: IP 2023 report
- Listed as Leading Lawyer in Patent Litigation in the JUVE Patent Rankings Germany 2022, 2023
- Recommended in the Leaders League Rankings Germany 2022 and 2023 in the category Patent Litigation
- Recommended in Legal 500 EMEA 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
- Scholar of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
- Listed in JUVE Patent as "Advisor in patent litigation" 2020/2021
- Listed in Handelsblatt 2021 as lawyer of the year in the category healthcare law
- Listed in Handelsblatt 2021 as best lawyer for Healthcare in Bavaria

- Listed as best lawyer in Handelsblatt 2021 in the categories Biotechnology Law, Healthcare Law and Pharmaceutical Law
- Listed in the WirtschaftsWoche "Die renommiertesten Patentrechtsanwälte" 2020, 2021, 2022
- Named in JUVE Top 8 German patent litigators under 50 2019/2020/2021
- Listed in WirtschaftsWoche "Die besten Anwälte für Patentrecht und Urheberrecht" 2019
- Recommended in Expert Guides - Life Sciences for IP and Regulatory 2019, 2021
- Named in JUVE Top 12 German patent litigators under 50 2018/2019
- Named in Chambers Europe 2018
- Winner of the "Client Choice Award 2015/2016 for Patent Law"
- Listed in „WiWo Top-Kanzleien“ als Top Attorney for Patentlaw in 2018 & 2021
- Recommended in WirtschaftsWoche 2015
- For many years listed in IAM Strategy 300 „World's Leading IP Strategists“
- For many years "frequently recommended lawyer" in the JUVE Handbook of Commercial Law Firms
- Scholar of the German Bundestag
- Fulbright Scholar
- Rotary International Foundation (Ambassadorial Scholarship Scholar)

PUBLICATIONS

- The springboard doctrine in the context of patent law – part one, Managing IP 2023
- The springboard doctrine in the context of patent law – part two, Managing IP 2023
- European Unitary Patent Package: Introduction to the New System including Strategic Considerations, (September 2023) 133 Intellectual Property Forum 40
- European Commission proposes transferable data exclusivity vouchers to tackle the antimicrobial resistance crisis, Managing IP 2023
- Article Unitary Patent and Unified Patent Court – Implications and recommendations for patent owners, licensees and technology companies, A.I.P.P.I. Japanese Journal Vol.68 No.7 p.3, July 2023 (Japanese only)
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- Der patentrechtliche Verhältnismäßigkeitsgrundsatz im Bereich Arzneimittel und Medizinprodukte, Teil 2, PharmR 3/2023
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- Interview IAM Strategy 300 Global Leaders, 2023
- Article No challenge clauses Pay-for-delay agreements, A.I.P.P.I. Japanese Journal Vo.67 No. 3 p.31 2022 (Japanese only)
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- Einheitspatent und einheitliches Patentgericht – Vorstellung des neuen europaweiten Patent- und Gerichtssystems, PharmaR 10/2022
- Ergänzende Schutzzertifikate – Überblick und Ausblick zur EU-Initiative, Arzneimittel & Recht, 2022
- Originator vs Generika – Pharmapatente im Spannungsfeld des einstweiligen Verfügungsverfahrens, PharmR Heft 6/2022, Heft 8/2022
- Regulatorische und haftungsrechtliche Herausforderungen für KI-Medizinprodukte, in Roman Grinblat/ Sibylle Scholtz/ Sophy Stock (Hrsg.) Festschrift für Ulrich M. Gassner, Medizinprodukterecht im Wandel (S. 467 ff.), Nomos, 2022
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- EU-Initiative zu Zwangslizenzen – Chance oder Wettbewerbsnachteil? Arzneimittel & Recht, 2022
- Haftungsbegrenzungen und Freistellungsvereinbarungen insbesondere in Technologie- und Unternehmenskaufverträgen (M&A), Lizenz- und F&E-Verträgen, 2022
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- Vertragshandbuch Pharma und Life Sciences, C.H.BECK, 2., erw. Auflage – 2021 (gemeinsam hrsg. mit Boris Bromm)
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- Revised TTBER and Guidelines, 2015
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MEMBERSHIPS

- Bar Association
- GRUR
- DAV
- DAJV
- VPP
- LES
- Founding Member IPDR

LANGUAGES

- German
- English