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### Dr. Alexander Schmitz

**Partner**

**German Patent Attorney**

**European Patent Attorney**

**Representative before the UPC**

**Electrical Engineer**

Alexander assists companies in prosecuting and enforcing IP rights in the fields of electrical and information technologies as well as mechanics and mechanical engineering. He is an acknowledged expert in the fields of medical devices, high-voltage technology, energy transmission and distribution systems as well as electrical components. His foremost priority is always to find the optimal solution for the client. Alexander also engages intensively with digitalization, Internet of Things (IoT), Industry 4.0 and e-mobility. Alexander advises mostly medium-sized companies with regard to strategic planning as well as development and maintenance of IP portfolios. He regularly conducts infringement and validity proceedings and coordinates litigation involving similar issues.

#### TESTIMONIALS

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"Electrical engineer Alexander Schmitz serves up top-level European patent prosecution for one of the world's best-known telecom companies, managing their portfolio with aplomb and pushing through nearly 400 European patent actions a year."

- IAM Patent 1000, 2023

## CAREER

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| since 2008  | Partner, shareholder and managing director at Maiwald                                                            |
| since 2006  | Patent attorney at Maiwald                                                                                       |
| 2002 - 2006 | Patent attorney trainee at an IP law firm                                                                        |
| 1996 - 2002 | Research associate and chief engineer at the Institute for High Voltage Technology at the RWTH Aachen University |

## EDUCATION

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| 2023        | Admitted to practice before the UPC                                                                                 |
| 2011        | Admitted to practice as business mediator (MuCDR)                                                                   |
| 2007        | Admitted to practice as German patent attorney                                                                      |
| 2006        | Admitted to practice as European patent attorney                                                                    |
| 2003 - 2005 | Studied law for patent attorneys at the University of Hagen                                                         |
| 1996 - 2000 | Doctoral degree in the field of polymeric insulating materials in energy technology from the RWTH Aachen University |
| 1990 - 1996 | Studied electrical engineering at the RWTH Aachen University                                                        |

## PRACTICE AREAS

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- 電気工学&機械工学
- コミュニケーション&情報技術
- モビリティ&エネルギー
- 計測技術&プロセスエンジニアリング
- 医療技術&トイメーキング
- 職務発明法
- 特許&実用新案
- IP戦略コンサルティング
- 人工知能とデジタル化

## SERVICES

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- Patent prosecution and portfolio management
- Filing strategies and drafting patent applications
- Freedom-to-operate and validity analysis
- Opposition and nullity proceedings
- Patent litigation

## RECOGNITIONS

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- Recommended in IAM Patent 1000 "World's Leading Patent Professionals" 2023
- Recommended in Handelsblatt | Best Lawyers "Germany's Best Lawyers" 2022, 2023
- Recommended in Legal 500 EMEA 2022
- Recommended in Legal 500 Deutschland 2021, 2022, 2023
- Recommended in MIP IP Stars 2017

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Use of mediation for IP matters increases, 2012

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- German Patent Attorney Association
- epi

- VPP
- FICPI

## LANGUAGES

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- German
- English