



## Michael Schirmuly

Dipl.-Wirt.-Ing.  
Patent Attorney  
European Patent Attorney  
European Trademark and Design Attorney

### Main focus

Advising national and international clients on issues concerning intellectual property rights, in particular with regard to the acquisition and implementation of intellectual property rights before national and international patent authorities and courts, executing opposition and invalidity proceedings, representing clients before the Federal Patent Court and the Federal Court of Justice in invalidity appeal proceedings, issuing of IP due diligence and freedom to operate reports, assessing of legal validity as well as potential infringements of intellectual property rights, preparing of licensing and cooperation agreements, accompanying development projects, consulting with regard to the establishment of IP management processes and consultancy services in the field of employee invention law.

### Technical focus

Mechanical and plant engineering, mechanics, machine tools, automotive engineering, power plant technology, textile engineering, plastics processing.

### Career steps

since 2013	Admission as European Patent Attorney
since 2011	Employee of KNH Patentanwälte
2011	Admission as European Trademark Attorney at the Office of Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM) (trademarks, designs and utility models)
2011	Admission as German Patent Attorney
2008-2011	Patent attorney trainee (KNH Patentanwälte, Higher Regional Court of Duesseldorf, German Patent and Trade Mark Office, Federal Patent Court)
2002-2008	Studies of industrial engineering and management at the University of Siegen

### Languages

German, English

### Memberships

- German Association of Patent Attorneys (PAK)
- Institute of Professional Representatives before the European Patent Office (epi)
- Fédération Internationale des Conseils en Propriété Industrielle (FICPI)
- European Patent Institute (EPI)
- Association of German Engineers (VDI)
- Association of German Industrial Engineers (VWI)
- Association of Young Entrepreneurs (BJU)
- Association of the Family Entrepreneurs (ASU)