

## WIPO LIST OF NEUTRALS

### BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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### EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Bar Examination, Hanseatisches Oberlandesgericht Hamburg, Germany, 1998;  
Doctor in law (thesis on international contract law), University of Konstanz, Germany, 1996;  
Law Degree, University of Konstanz, Germany, 1993.

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### LANGUAGES

German, English, French

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### PRESENT POSITION

Attorney-at-law, partner, KLAKA Rechtsanwälte, Munich, Germany, since 2013.

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Attorney-at-law, partner, Bardehle Pagenberg, Patent Attorneys, Attorneys-at-Law, Munich, 2002-2012;  
Private practice, 2000-2002;  
Attorney-at-law, Noerr LLP, Attorneys-at-Law, IP/IT-department, Munich, 1998-2000;  
Research Assistant, Chair of German Law, Conflict of Laws and Comparative Law (Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Fritz Sturm), University of Lausanne, Switzerland, 1993-1995.

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**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Litigation - trademarks, design, copyright, unfair competition, domain names.

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**MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES**

INTA (International Trademark Association);  
AIPPI (Association Internationale pour la Protection de la Propriété Intellectuelle);  
APRAM (Association des Praticiens du Droit des Marques et des Modèles), committee member;  
GRUR (Deutsche Vereinigung für gewerblichen Rechtsschutz und Urheberrecht), committee member.

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**EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

Representing clients in more than 150 court cases and over 1.000 extra-judicial proceedings.

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**EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES**

Various litigation cases before German courts;  
Party representation in various extra-judicial proceedings;  
Representing clients in numerous UDRP-cases through WIPO;  
WIPO-panelist in more than thirty UDRP-cases.

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**MAJOR PUBLICATIONS**

Trademark protection in Germany: the bar for apps is set higher, *World Intellectual Property Review*, October 13, 2016;  
Composite EU-trademarks: protection of non-distinctive elements, *World Intellectual Property Review*, April 14, 2017;  
Un an de jurisprudence sur les motifs absolus de refus de marques communautaires, *Propriété industrielle* 2014, 19 ff;  
Getting the deal through/licencing (Germany chapter), *Law Business Research*, 2012;  
Trademark protection in the new online frontier, *World Trademark Review*, April 2011;  
Allgemeine Einführung - Deutsches Kartellrecht, in: Pagenberg, *Lizenzverträge*, 6th ed. 2008, 138 ff;  
Der Gegenstand des Auskunftsanspruchs im deutschen gewerblichen Rechtsschutz und Urheberrecht, in: *Festschrift für Jochen Pagenberg*, 2006, S. 221 ff;  
Generische Domains, *Wettbewerb in Recht und Praxis* 2001, S. 1426 ff;  
Der Millennium-Bug und der lange Arm der Produzentenhaftung, *Computer und Recht* 1999, S. 680 ff;  
Urkundenbeweis durch digitale Dokumente, *Multimedia und Recht* 1998, S. 644 ff.

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**EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION**

Litigating more than 150 cases in the field of trademarks, design, copyright, unfair competition and domain names before German courts.

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**EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION**

Single and co-panelist with WIPO in over thirty UDRP-cases;  
Party representative in various UDRP-proceedings before WIPO.

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