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Languages: German, English, Mandarin (basic skills)

Practice Areas

- Patent Law
- Unfair Competition Law
- Copyright, Trademark, and Design Law
- Litigation and Arbitration
- License Agreements and R&D Agreements
- Franchise and Distribution Law

Practice Summary

Jan represents companies in patent law matters, in particular in patent infringement proceedings as well as in opposition and nullity proceedings. He also represents companies in infringement and validity proceedings in trademark and design law as well as in questions of unfair competition law. Jan has many years of experience in the enforcement and defense of license and franchise law claims before German courts and in international arbitration proceedings. He also provides comprehensive advice on the drafting and negotiation of franchise, master franchise, or other distribution agreements.

Representative Client Matters

- Represent a global pharmaceutical and medtech company in arbitration proceedings relating to license issues
- Represent a well-known German automobile manufacturer in injunction proceedings
- Represent a leading German high-tech company in several patent infringement and nullity proceedings
- Represent various international automotive suppliers in patent infringement proceedings and out-of-court patent disputes
- Represent a US medtech company in patent infringement proceedings
- Several international arbitration proceedings for an internationally operating franchise system against a large number of franchisees
- Successful defense of an internationally active franchisor in an international arbitration
- Represent numerous franchisees within an internationally-known franchise system in several legal proceedings against the franchisor

Publications and Speaking Engagements

- „Patent infringement by acts abroad“ at the GRUR Annual Conference on 28 September 2023 in Mannheim
- “Discovery – auch in deutschen Gerichtsverfahren?“ (Discovery – Also in German Court Proceedings?), GRUR-Prax 2016, 319
- “Ein bisschen Patentschutz gibt es auch für Stammzellen“ (There is Also a Little Patent Protection for Stem Cells), Article in the FAZ of December 12, 2012
- “Wenn der Sachverständige zwei Mal klingelt - Probleme der wiederholten Besichtigung in Verfügungsverfahren am Beispiel des Patentrechts“ (When the Expert Rings Twice – Problems with Repeated Inspections in Injunctions Using Patent Law as an Example) in: Festschrift zum 50-jährigen Bestehen des Bundespatentgerichts, 2011
- “Rechtsschutz gegen Besichtigungsverfügungen im Patentrecht – De lege lata und de lege ferenda“ (Legal Protection Against Inspection Proceedings in Patent Law - De lege lata und de lege ferenda), GRUR 2008, 387
- “The Patent System in Europe“ at the Konrad Adenauer Foundation on December 5, 2012, in Nanjing, China
- “Die mittelbare Patentverletzung in der aktuellen Rechtsprechung“, (The Indirect Patent Infringement Under Current Case Law) at IZG on November 18, 2013, in Mannheim, Germany
- “Linking and Making Available on the Internet“ at the AIPPI Annual Seminar on May 31, 2016, in Munich
- “Discovery – auch in deutschen Verletzungsverfahren?“ (Discovery – Also in German Court Proceedings?), held before various regional membership groups of GRUR (German Association of Intellectual Property and Copyright Law) in 2016 und 2017

Professional Memberships and Activities

Professional Memberships

- GRUR (German Association of Intellectual Property and Copyright Law)
- VPP (Association of Intellectual Property Experts)
- EPLAW (European Patent Lawyers Association)

Activities

- Member of the Executive Board of the German Chapter of AIPPI (International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property)

Education and Career

Jan has been a German Attorney at Law since 2003. He became a Salary Partner in 2017 and has been a Partner at SCHIEDERMAIR since 2025.

Prior to joining SCHIEDERMAIR, Jan was an attorney at KEIL & SCHAAFHAUSEN in Frankfurt for two years and at CMS HASCHE SIGLE, a large international law firm, for nine years.

Jan studied law at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University in Frankfurt. He earned his Doctorate in 2004. In 2004 and 2005 he completed an LL.M. Program (Intellectual Property) at the Heinrich Heine University in Duesseldorf, Germany.

Jan Dombrowski has been on the Executive Board of the German national group of the AIPPI since 2017, currently as treasurer.

Professional Recognition

- Handelsblatt/Best Lawyers: "The Best Lawyers in Germany 2025" – Intellectual Property Law
- Handelsblatt/Best Lawyers: "The Best Lawyers in Germany 2024" – Intellectual Property Law