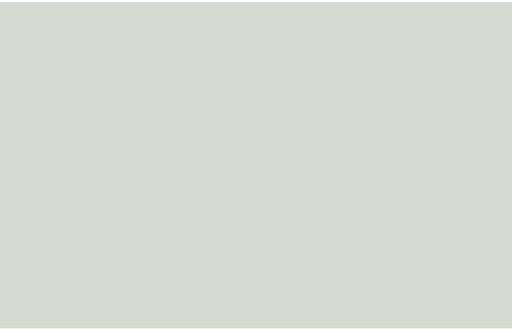


Rüger Barthelt Abel



## Rüdiger Barthelt Abel

Rüdiger Barthelt Abel specializes in Intellectual Property law with an emphasis on patents, trade marks and design. The firm's strength lays in combining legal and technical know-how. European Patent and certified IP Attorneys are working closely together to find commercially sound solutions. The firm's excellent reputation stems from more than 50 years of experience and a high degree of specialization. Being active in nearly every country on the globe the firm prides itself for being appreciated by international clients for the welcoming atmosphere, professionalism of its people and a true understanding of the intricacies of international legal advice.



## Competence

The firm's focus is on electrical and mechanical engineering, software protection and information technology. On a daily basis the firm represents clients from all business sectors before the German Patent and Trademark Office, the European Trademark Office, the European Patent Office, the Federal Patent Court and litigation including appeal proceedings. Rürger Barthelt Abel has a wide range of clients; international companies, global players, small and medium sized companies, state agencies and individual inventors.

It is the firm's approach to deal with matters fast and cost effectively. Fluency in English, German, technology, and legalese is not enough. Explaining complex legal and technical matters in simple terms often is key in negotiations, court proceedings and for making effective commercial decisions.

### Key services include:

- patents
- know-how protection
- trademarks
- design rights
- copyright
- unfair competition
- antitrust
- technology transfer
- license agreements
- litigation



## Patents, utility patents and know-how

The firm represents clients throughout the entire life cycle of commercial inventions whether regionally or globally. Beginning with advise relating to employee's invention rights, filing, prosecuting patent applications, negotiating effective license agreements, and consequently putting an end to infringements.

Defining technology in words to coin valuable and enforceable patents requires skill and experience. This is especially true in electrical and mechanical engineering, the firm's main fields of expertise.

### **Key services include:**

- German, European and international patent registrations
- opposition, appeal and novelty proceedings
- patent litigation
- utility patents
- technology transfer and license agreements
- know-how licenses and confidentiality agreements
- R&D-agreements
- employer's inventions
- patentability and due diligence



## Technology

Patent attorneys at Rürger Barthelt Abel are dedicated engineers having periodically contributed inventions to client's developments. Some resulted in internationally exploited patents. In-depth understanding of technology is the basis of the firm's success. Making the effort of truly being inside the subject matter anew in each case is the key factor that distinguishes the firm.

### **Rürger Barthelt Abel is admitted to practice before:**

- The German Patents and Trademark Office
- The European Patents Office
- The Community Trademark Office
- The German Federal Patents Court
- Any German District Courts
- Any German Courts of Appeal
- The Federal Court of Justice
- The European Court of First Instance
- The European Court of Justice
- The Supreme Court of England & Wales



## Trademarks

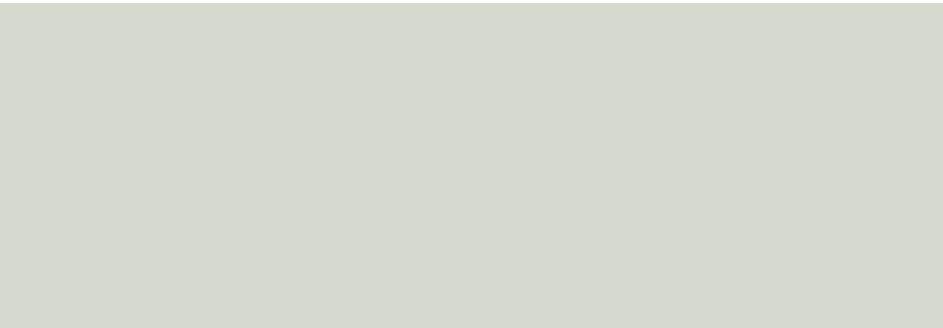
The comprehensive trademarks practice is a keystone of the firm. The large and mostly international portfolio of represented trademarks includes top fashion, cosmetics, other consumer product brands, and many business to business technology trademarks.

The firm operates an extensive trademark administration at lean costs that many clients consider a true alternative to an in-house trademark department.

It is the firm's policy to quickly react to trademark infringements or any form of product piracy throughout the world. The firm regularly represents clients in first instance and appeal proceedings throughout Germany.

### Key services include:

- German, European and international trademark registrations
- Opposition, cancellations and nullity proceedings
- Brand strategies
- License and coexistence agreements
- Business and domain name protection
- Anti-counterfeiting
- Trademark litigation



## Design Protection and Copyright

Design is a key element in today's product marketing. Inevitably, this is why copying take place as soon as a company is successful with designed products. Timely registration of design patents is often key to securing maximum profits.

The firm is particularly active in obtaining registered design rights on a national, European, and international level. The firm regularly advises on design infringements and the strategies to add design value to technology.

### **Key service include:**

- German, European and international design registrations
- unregistered designs
- industrial designs
- fashion protection
- design litigation



## Unfair competition, European antitrust,

Following technology development, branding, and the design phase, the firm accompanies clients when finally putting products or services on the market. From many court proceedings the firm has gained particular expertise related to advising on advertising, labeling, packaging, and trade dress.

Advising at an early stage, R uger Barthelt Abel often helps clients to avoid possible restraints of European and German antitrust law. In the context of technology transfer, license and distribution agreements, and regarding research and development collaboration, the firm regularly advises on Intellectual Property antitrust law.

## Professionals



### **Dr.-Ing. Rudolf Rüger**

German Patent Attorney • European Patent Attorney • European Trade Mark Attorney

Dr.-Ing. Rudolf Rüger studied electrical engineering at Technical University Munich and after receiving his doctorate, joined the research group of Prof. Seiz and Prof. Scheuring. In 1961 he qualified as a Patent Attorney.

Since joining the firm, Rudolf Rüger has gained four decades of intellectual property experience. He has been active in some of the most complex patent litigations in Germany and represented many cases before the German Federal Court of Justice. His international work includes cross-border litigation involving inter alia cases in Japan, Great Britain, the US and France.



### **Dipl.-Ing. Hans-Peter Barthelt**

German Patent Attorney • European Patent Attorney • European Trade Mark Attorney

Hans Peter Barthelt studied electrical engineering at the Technical University Munich and headed for five years the information technology department of the Bavarian Academy of Science. He qualified as a Patent Attorney in 1981 and later served eight years as Vice President of the Federal Association of German Patent Attorneys being involved amongst other in the drafting of the German semiconductor legislation.

During his career Hans Peter Barthelt specialised in IT, communication and radar technology. He is co-founder and technical manager of PhysioNova GmbH.



### **Dr.-Ing. Thomas Abel**

German Patent Attorney • European Patent Attorney • European Trade Mark Attorney

Dr.-Ing. Thomas Abel studied electrical engineering at the Institute of Technology Ilmenau. He received his doctorate in 1989 and in 1993 qualified as a Patent Attorney. His speciality is to assist leading domestic and international corporations in securing highly complex and often groundbreaking technologies. Over the years he has gained outstanding experience in patent enforcement and is regularly engaged in high-level cross-border patent litigation. His technology focus is on mechanical and electrical engineering and information technology.

## Professionals



### **Dipl.-Ing. Adam Jakubczyk**

German Patent Attorney • European Patent Attorney • European Trade Mark Attorney

Dipl.-Ing. Adam Jakubczyk studied electrical engineering at the Universities of Erlangen and Glasgow (Scotland). Before joining R ger Barthelt Abel, he worked for three years with a young telecom start-up overseeing the development of multimedia and telecommunication systems for Siemens and German Telekom AG.

At R ger Barthelt Abel he deals with the full range of intellectual property rights with an emphasis on automotive, medical technology and image processing systems.



### **Dipl.-Ing. Ulrich Stumkat**

German Patent Attorney • European Patent Attorney • European Trade Mark Attorney

Dipl.-Ing. Ulrich Stumkat studied electrical engineering at Technical University of Aachen and the ETH Z rich (Switzerland). His focus is on medical equipment, technology transfer and international license agreements.



### **RA Jan Klink, LL.M (IP), London**

Attorney at Law (Germany) • Solicitor (England and Wales) • Certified Intellectual Property Attorney

Jan Klink studied Law at universities of T bingen and Konstanz and received his master degree at the University of London. He is dual qualified, as an Attorney in Germany and Solicitor in England and Wales. Before joining R ger Barthelt Abel, he worked five years in a top 100 law firm in the UK and in IP firms in the US and Germany. Jan Klink is specialised in trademark, design, copyright and unfair competition law. He handles international trademark portfolios of some of the leading companies in cosmetics and fashion.

**Rüger Barthelt Abel**

Patent- und Rechtsanwälte  
European Patent and Trademark Attorneys  
Webergasse 3  
73728 Esslingen  
Germany

P.O.Box 10 04 61  
73704 Esslingen

Tel.: +49 (0) 711/49 01 06 - 0  
Fax: +49 (0) 711/35 99 03

E-mail: [ruba@ab-patent.com](mailto:ruba@ab-patent.com)  
Internet: [www.ab-patent.com](http://www.ab-patent.com)