

Consulting for design law

Have you designed a product and would you like to protect your product from being copied? Do you own the rights to a registered design (Germany) or industrial design (EU) and would like to grant a third party the rights to use your design? Is a third-party unlawfully using your registered or even unregistered design? Have you received an official warning regarding a design or does your designed product looks similar to a competitor's product, mean that you require an estimate of your rights with respect to the risk of confusion regarding the designs and potential risks?

What we offer

We will be happy to advise you regarding the options of design protection, particularly the national and international registration of the designs or industrial designs and the associated costs. We create licensing agreements for (un)registered designs that you can use to grant a third-party rights to your design. In addition, we can clarify for you the scope of the design protection for unregistered designs and estimate your chances for success in the event of a legal dispute.

In infringement proceedings, we will review the legal situation for you and document, to the extent necessary, the facts of the case using corresponding screenshots and/or test purchases and check the scope of the design protection and the appropriateness of any compensatory damage claims.

The legally secure evaluation of the violation risk and/or the expectations of success with the comparison of two opposing designs requires the knowledge of an abundance of rulings, in addition to specialized education and training. We will represent you in registering your designs and in design law disputes in the warning notice proceedings both throughout Germany in the court complaint proceedings for a temporary injunction or during regular complaint proceedings.

Take advantage of the many years of experience our lawyers and specialized attorneys have gained in countless design law disputes both in court and out-of-court.

Scope of service

- Registration of a design in Germany, Europe, internationally
- Cancellation of a registered design
- Opposition to a registered design
- Creating, designing, and negotiating legally secure licensing agreements
- Consulting with respect to the legal options and the strategic procedure
- Examination and assessment of the technical and legal situation
- Out-of-court representation in warning notice proceedings
- Representation before all district and regional courts in Germany by means of temporary injunction proceedings and in regular complaint proceedings



Costs

We normally offer our services to you calculated according to the time spent at a suitable hourly rate or according to the Attorneys Compensation Act (RVG). We believe that cost transparency and cost reliability form the basis of successful cooperation. We will be happy to provide you with an estimate of the expected costs and the cost risk before taking the job.