



## Dr. Thorsten Vormann

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### OVERVIEW

Thorsten Vormann is a partner at K&L Gates and has extensive experience in the protection and enforcement of all forms of intellectual property rights, with a focus on infringement suits in the area of patent litigation.

He also advises on non-contentious IP matters, particularly in the areas of R&D projects, licensing, and distribution agreements. He assists clients with respect to a lot of complex technologies, particularly in the automobile industry, medical, electronic, telecommunications, and computer hardware and software sectors.

He is recognized as a leading practitioner in legal directories such as *JUVE Handbuch*, *Chambers Europe*, *Chambers Global*, and *Best Lawyers/Handelsblatt* since 2014. In *Managing IP* 2022 and 2025, Thorsten Vormann is listed as an "IP Star" for Patents.

### PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Thorsten joined K&L Gates in May 2015 from a Frankfurt-based international law firm and its predecessor law firm, where he worked for 23 years (18 years as a partner), and headed the German IP and trademark department since 2006.

He was admitted as a lawyer in Germany in 1992.

### PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- GRUR (Deutsche Vereinigung für gewerblichen Rechtsschutz und Urheberrecht e.V.)
- International Trademark Association (INTA)
- European Communities Trade Mark Association (ECTA)

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Thorsten regularly delivers speeches on legal topics, including:

- “Comparing and Contrasting European and US Patent Litigation”, G. Summerfield und T. Vormann, Association of European Science and Technology Professionals (ASTP), 9 February 2021
- “Patent Litigation in Germany”, T. Vormann, Baxter IP-Summit, 13 May 2020
- “Der Geist ist aus der Falsche - die unterschätzten Gefahren der Äquivalenz”, Vormann/Schubert, dfv Mediengruppe, 29 November 2017
- “Comparing US and EU Trade Secret Laws”, Ankenbrand/Vormann, Trans-Atlantic Business Council, 22 June 2016
- “EU Trade Mark Law Reform”, Armingaud/Artinian/Feller/Gilkrist/Kainer/Tulodziecki/Vormann/Zialkowski; K&L Gates Webinar, 16 November 2015
- “The protection of know-how provided by Civil Law,” WisteV-Wistra Annual Meeting, Frankfurt, January 2014
- “The European Patent with Unitary Effect,” European Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong, November 2013
- “Copyright issues deriving from the use of social media,” Summit of the Real Estate Industry (*Juristischer Jahresgipfel für die Immobilienwirtschaft*), Frankfurt, May 2013

## EDUCATION

- Dr. jur., University of Frankfurt, 1993
- LL.M., McGill University, 1991
- Second Legal State Exam, Higher Regional Court of Frankfurt/Main, 1990
- First Legal State Exam, University of Frankfurt, 1987

## LANGUAGES

- English
- French
- German

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 24 May 2016, The New European Unitary Patent System
- January 2016, Trademarks and Unfair Competition Bulletin

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Thorsten regularly publishes on industrial property rights, including:

- Einfacher und billiger: das neue EU Patent, Hrsg. Ingo Woelk, Arnold AG Corporate (*Simpler and Cheaper: the New EU Patent*, ed. Ingo Woelk, Arnold AG Corporate Publishing), December 2015
- Das EU-Patent kommt endlich? Publisher: C. Milbradt, Chapter in FAZ. *Innovationshandbuch* 2014
- "The European Commission's Report on the Inquiry into the Pharmaceutical Sector: A Critical Analysis from a Patent and Antitrust Law Perspective," *Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society*, January 2010
- Handbook of Pharmaceutical Law, a German-language book, *C.H.BECK*, 2010

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 3 October 2025, K&L Gates' Global IP Practice, Lawyers Earn Rankings in Managing IP's 2025 "IP Stars"
- 7 October 2024, K&L Gates' Intellectual Property Practice, Lawyers Recognized in 2024 *Managing IP* Magazine's "IP Stars"
- 23 October 2023, K&L Gates' Intellectual Property Practice, Lawyers Recognized in 2023 *Managing IP* Magazine's "IP Stars"
- 2 August 2023, K&L Gates Advises Gorka Holding on Sale of Majority of Shares in DiaSys Diagnostics Systems GmbH
- 22 June 2023, Nearly 50 K&L Gates Lawyers Throughout Europe Recognized in 2024 Best Lawyers, Ones to Watch Editions
- 6 October 2022, K&L Gates Recognized in 2022 *Managing IP* Magazine's 'IP Stars'
- 3 June 2021, K&L Gates Lawyers Ranked as 2021 'IP Stars' by Managing IP Magazine
- 29 June 2020, K&L Gates, Lawyers Ranked as Trademark and Patent 'IP Stars' by *Managing IP Magazine*
- 26 July 2016, K&L Gates Advises Luye Pharma Group Ltd. on European Market Entry

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- IP Litigation
- Fintech Lending
- Pharma and BioPharma Litigation

## INDUSTRIES

- Automotive
- Life Sciences
- Manufacturing