

OUR MUNICH OFFICE

After 150 years of innovation and growth, our Munich office is a statement of our continued ambition. Recent key hires and an office expansion demonstrate our commitment to strengthening our presence in Munich, enhancing our ability to service our EU and international clients.



We opened our new office in Munich, Germany in November 2017.

It is an integral part of the firm and represents an expansion of our intellectual property services, following a period of significant growth in the UK.

Our Munich office offers the full range of patent, trade mark and design services, including drafting, prosecution, oppositions and appeals, dispute resolution, IP strategy consulting and portfolio management.

Mewburn Ellis have undertaken European IP work for domestic and international clients for many years, operating from our four UK offices, located in London, Bristol, Cambridge and Manchester. However, given the large and increasing volume of European work the firm handles, establishing an on-the-ground presence in mainland Europe was the natural next step in our evolution.

Our expanding Munich base not only enhances the firm's ability to service its EU-based clients, but also its large portfolio of non-EU and international clients, including those from across the US, Japan, South Korea, Switzerland and more.

The office is led by partner Tanis Keirstead, who was previously based in the UK. Tanis is supported by new partner Christoph Moeller who joined the firm in August 2017. Christoph is a German and European Patent Attorney and an EUIPO representative. Christoph comes from an in-house role as VP/Head of Patents of Schindler Elevators. Tanis and Christoph are both German nationals.

Our Trade Mark practice is also strengthened by partner Dydra Donath who joined in January 2018. A highly experienced German national trade mark attorney with a doctorate in law, Dydra is responsible for driving forward our German trade mark practice and further developing the firm's well-established EU trade mark practice.

For more information about Mewburn Ellis please visit our website at www.mewburn.com

OUR OFFERING

WHY MUNICH?

Choosing Munich as the hub of our growing practice in mainland Europe is logical. As an ambitious firm we are looking to grow and cement our place as one of the top providers of IP services in Europe. We expect to continue to increase our team and client base significantly over the next five years and see our Munich office as fundamental to achieving that goal.

OUR SERVICES

Our Munich office offers the full range of **patent, trade mark** and **design** services, including **drafting, prosecution, oppositions and appeals, dispute resolution, IP strategy consulting** and **portfolio management**.

Mewburn Ellis have a reputation for providing commercially-focused, honest, practical and creative advice across multiple sectors. From our Munich office, we will continue to grow our patent practice, as well as boost our trade mark business. Our long term objective is to build our trade mark practice further and to grow this key area of our business. We already manage worldwide IP portfolios for many of our clients using our German team and a network of foreign attorney firms that we know and trust.

Our clients have the opportunity to use our services directly in Germany, should this be appropriate for their business needs.

THE TEAM

Our team in Munich is expanding. Tanis Keirstead, who was previously based on our Cambridge Office, has moved to Munich for three years to run and build our office. Within the first 12-18 months we expect to have five partners based in Munich, but this may well grow more quickly depending on client needs.



Tanis Keirstead
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Tanis is a member of our life sciences patent team. She has over 10 years' experience drafting and prosecuting patent applications in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and food & beverage sectors. Tanis works with a wide range of clients on invention capture and filing strategy, as well as global portfolio management. Her clients include SMEs, Universities (in the UK and elsewhere), domestic and overseas multi-national companies, as well as start-ups. Tanis visits Japan several times a year and handles large European portfolios for a number of Japanese companies. Her technical expertise includes:

- ▶ Antibody-based therapeutics and diagnostics, including immunotherapy
- ▶ Personalised medicine
- ▶ Manipulation of the microbiome
- ▶ Bioengineered and functional foods
- ▶ Vaccines

Tanis has a degree in Microbiology and Virology from the University of Warwick and a PhD in Molecular Biology from the Sir William Dunn School of Pathology, University of Oxford. Her PhD project focused on the determination of amino acids of the PB1 subunit of the influenza virus RNA-dependent RNA polymerase involved in binding the promoter region of the viral genome segments.

Tanis joined Mewburn Ellis LLP in 2005, qualifying as a Chartered Patent Attorney and European Patent Attorney in 2009. She joined the partnership in 2013.

Tanis is a member of the Patentanwaltskammer and authorised to provide patent services from Germany.



Christoph Moeller
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Christoph is a member of our engineering, electronics, computing & physics patent team with experience in electronics and electronic engineering, telecommunications, medical technology, aerospace and automotive technology, computer software, consumer products, and transport sectors.

His main focus encompasses original patent drafting and prosecution at the EPO and the DPMA (German Patent and Trade Mark Office) including regularly representing clients in opposition and appeal proceedings. Christoph's expertise further includes advising clients on IP strategy and IP portfolio management, as well as opinion work. He is also an authorised representative before EUIPO in design as well as trade mark matters.

He has particular expertise in:

- medical devices
- medical imaging technology
- mobile communication technology
- aerospace technology
- defence technology
- automotive technology
- elevator and escalator technology
- IT/computer hardware/software
- computer processing and network management
- consumer electronics
- consumer goods

Christoph holds a Master's degree (Dipl. Ing. Univ.) in Electrical Engineering from the Technical University of Munich, specialising in Information and Communication Technology with a further emphasis on Biomedical Technology and Electroacoustics.

He also holds a Master of Laws degree in European IP Law from the University of Hagen and a further Master of Laws degree (Master of IP Law and Management) from the University of Strasbourg, Centre for International Intellectual Property Studies (Institut CEIPI).

Christoph worked for a year in the US as Clinical Applications Engineer for German biomedical Company Brainlab AG. After returning to Munich, he worked as an IT consultant for a medium-sized consulting boutique for over five years.

Christoph started training as German and European Patent Attorney with a leading German boutique IP firm in 2006, qualifying as German Patent Attorney in 2009 and European Patent Attorney in 2010. In 2013, he left for Switzerland to become VP/Head of Patents of Schindler Elevators.

In 2017, Christoph returned to Germany and joined Mewburn Ellis LLP as a Partner in the Munich Office.



Dydra Donath
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Dydra is a highly experienced trade mark attorney with a doctorate in Law. She is a German national.

Dydra has particular expertise across all aspects of German, European and international trade mark law, including: consulting and managing large trade mark portfolios worldwide; strategy for trade mark applications; opposition, invalidation and revocation proceedings; coordinating legal proceedings worldwide; domain name disputes; drafting and negotiating trade mark licence agreements, complex trade mark purchase agreements as well as settlement agreements. Dydra also has significant litigation experience, having taken cases before the German courts and the General Court in Luxembourg.

Dydra has a particular focus on

- medical technology
- pharmaceuticals
- automobile
- retail services
- fashion
- cosmetics
- food and supplements
- surveillance technology

She is a member of the German Bar Association, the German Association for Industrial Property and Copyright, and a committee member of the MARQUES Emerging Issues Team. Dydra has lectured across Germany and Russia.

Dydra joined Mewburn Ellis LLP in 2018 as a partner in the Munich Office. She was previously a salaried partner at a German IP firm.

A TOP QUALITY FIRM

International awards and surveys continue to confirm Mewburn Ellis as forward-thinking, pro-active and responsive to clients' needs and requests. We are pleased to have received recognition and accolades from various sources including The Legal 500 where we are ranked as a 'Top Tier' firm', Chambers & Partners legal guide where we are "Highly Rated" and MIP (Managing Intellectual Property) 'IP Stars 2017' where several of our partners are individually recognised.



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We are located in the Theresienhof building on Theresienstraße 1 in the Maxvorstadt area of Munich.

There are two nearby underground stations: Odeonsplatz (lines U3/U6 or U4/U5) and Universität (lines U3/U6). Both stations are approximately five minutes' walk from the office.

Franz Josef Strauss International Airport is located 30 km (19 miles) north east of the city centre. The airport is connected to the city by Munich suburban railway (S-Bahn) lines S1 and S8. Take line S1 (50 minutes) or S8 (38 minutes) to Marienplatz. At Marienplatz take underground lines U3/U6 to Odeonsplatz. Alternatively, the journey from the airport by car or taxi takes approximately 30 minutes.

