



## Press Information

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### BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT "Highlights" 2009

#### Developments

- Despite the global economic crisis, BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT has systematically continued to extend its position in the field of Intellectual Property in Germany through 2009.
- BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT has again succeeded in expanding **Patent Business** in 2009. The same is true for Patent Infringement Proceedings. In 2009, the firm (FORRESTER & BOEHMERT) again submitted over 1,000 European Patent Applications. In total, the firm currently administers around 53,000 patents.
- In the field of **Trademark Applications**, BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT consolidated its position in German, European and International Applications and remains among the top three German law firms with the most Trademark Applications. In 2009, BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT remains the firm with most registered German and EU trademarks (2009: 11,501 administered, registered German trademarks. Source: Polymark).
- The firm won several new mandates in the field of **Product Piracy** which is afforded an important position within BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT's trademark department.
- BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT's entire **Trademark Law** section has again performed well in 2009. Within the scope of the merger of Commerzbank AG with Dresdner Bank AG, the firm has been able to gain the entire global brand portfolio of Dresdner Bank AG as of mid-2009. A global manufacturer of special shoes entrusted the firm with administration of its brand portfolio alongside its patent portfolio.
- In the field of **Copyright Law**, existing mandates, for instance for renowned Hollywood film producers, have been extended. This is also true of Litigation, Licences and Reporting in Complex Cases. BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT advises numerous client on political issues of copyright law, in particular with reference to the "3<sup>rd</sup> basket" copyright reforms and the implementation of the Enforcement Directive.
- In the field of **Cartel Law**, the firm has represented various media associations through 2009. The telecommunications proceedings have also been continued up to the Federal Supreme Court.



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- In the field of **IT Law**, BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT 2009 has extended its expertise and has advised a globally leading software producer in copyright issues as well as other software companies and association on the restructuring of larger data bases. Data protection legislation, new versions of the GPL (General Public Licence) as well as the GPL patent clause for software controlled systems has led to an increased need for advice to clients which has been successfully provided. The JUVE Manual 2009/2010 describes the Berlin "IT office around Dr Christian Czychowski as a small but strong business field."
- **Outlook 2010:** BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT expects advice needs for its clients in the following fields:
  - Patent Law: Consequences of amendments of the European Patent Convention (EPC), extension of the London Agreement and to the Patent Law Modernisation Act.
  - **TV, Film & Entertainment and Telecommunication:** Text proceedings on internet piracy, imminent reform of copyright ("3rd basket").
  - Media & Publishing Law: imminent reform of copyright ("3rd basket").
  - **IT Law:** Data protection legislation and new versions of the GPL (General Public Licence), GPL patent clause for software controlled systems.

### Evaluations, Nominations & Rankings 2009

- BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT has been presented with the highly coveted and respected prize awarded by the international specialist magazine "Managing IP" 2009. BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT was distinguished as "Germany Prosecution Law Firm of the Year 2009".
- BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT was also distinguished as the only German law firm to be a "**Location in the Land of Ideas**" on 6 March 2009. The firm received this title in recognition for the standard agreement models for patent exploitation between research and industry.
- "**Chambers Europe 2009**" puts BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT in 1st position in "Patent Filing", Prof Heinz Goddar is placed among Germany's Leading Individuals in the field of Intellectual Property. He's described there as "a deeply admired veteran figure on the patent scene".
- The "**MIP Manual 2009**" puts BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT in the first division in the fields of "Patent Prosecution" and "Copyright". In "Trade Mark Prosecution" the chambers is in the second group. Prof Heinz Goddar is described here as a "very charming special guy".
- **Best Lawyers International 2009** counts eight BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT lawyers among the best in Germany. These are Prof Jan Bernd Nordemann (Entertainment, IP, Media), Prof Axel Nordemann (IP), Dr Christian Czychowski (IP), Dr Ludwig Kouker (IP), Dr Andreas Winkler (IP), Prof Heinz Goddar (IP), Dr Markus Engelhard (IP) and Christian W. Appelt (IP).



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- **"Legal 500 Germany 2009" confirms** BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT in 1st place in the field of "Patent Law" (Filings). The firm is described as "biggest IP firm in Germany with an excellent reputation." It's "list of clients reads like a who's who of the technology industry," it goes on. Prof Heinz Goddar is described as "outstanding personality" and "authority in his field". In Trademark Law, the firm was pleased to be described as having a "fantastic reputation on the basis of its international client base". Legal 500 Germany also selects further BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT experts for recognition: Dr Jan B. Krauss, Christian W. Appelt, Dr Markus Engelhard, Prof Jan Bernd Nordemann, Dr Volker Schmitz-Fohrmann, Wilhelm Stahlberg, Michaela Huth-Dierig, Dr Martin Schaefer, Christoph Schmökel and Prof Axel Nordemann.
- The **"JUVE Manual 2009/10"** again places BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT in outstanding positions in numerous categories. In regional law firm rankings, offices in Berlin, Bremen, Düsseldorf, Munich and Potsdam were named. In "Patent Filings", the firm stands firmly in the first division of this category. The manual goes on to point out that the firm has been able to defend its position as one of the greatest IP boutiques in Germany through economically turbulent times and remains one of the "leading patent law firms". With respect to "Patent Prosecution" JUVE points out that in this particularly strong field, the "partners and practice groups have enjoyed unusually high regard for their prosecution work." Partners Prof Heinz Goddar (Physics) and Dr Jan B. Krauss were given special mention as patent lawyers with technical focus. In "Trademark and Competition Law", BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT is described as oft recommended mixed IP firm which, as competitors can attest, has "exceptionally good and experienced IP lawyers". In "TV, Film and Entertainment", BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT is described as "recommended firm", which has for years been one of the recognised specialists in copyright law. Prof Jan Bernd Nordemann is also listed in 2009 as one of the leading copyright lawyers in Germany.
- In the **World Trademark Review** ranking (Oct/Nov 2009), BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT is placed in the Top 10 firms for German Community Trademark registration. The firm achieved 2nd place with 250 registrations.
- According to the magazine **"Markenartikel"** (6/2009).BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT achieved first place with 84.89 percent of marks actually registered after application. (Source: smd-markeur).



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**Honours, Awards, Appointments, CVs**

- In August 2009, BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT appoints two new partners. **Dr Klaus Dieter Langfinger** was appointed new partner at the Frankfurt office. His focus is Chemistry, Polymers, their Processing and Biosciences. In Berlin, **Dr Ute Kilger** strengthened the patent team and extended the office's expertise with specialist knowledge in the fields of Pharmaceuticals, Life Sciences and Chemistry.
- **Prof Jan Bernd Nordemann** was appointed to the to the board of the German arm of the International Association for Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI) in autumn of 2009
- **Prof Heinz Goddar** was appointed member of the Professors Committee of the newly founded Institute for International Intellectual Property (IIPP) at Beijing University, Beijing, China.
- Since December 2009, **Dr Rudolf Böckenholt** has been a standing contributor of case notes and essays in the newly devised magazine GRUR-Prax.

**Miscellaneous:**

- A new commentary on the German Unfair Competition Act (Gesetz gegen unlauteren Wettbewerb (UWG)) was published by Nomos in autumn 2009. The commentary is published by Prof Horst-Peter Götting and BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT partner Prof Axel Nordemann.
- The standard reference work on Cartel Law by **Loewenheim/Meessen/Riesenkampff** is published in a revised 2nd edition. This edition also includes important contributions from Prof Jan Bernd Nordemann.
- The oldest commentary on copyright law – **Fromm/Nordemann**, by BOEHMERT & BOEHMDERT – in for the first time placed online in its 10<sup>th</sup> edition. The collaboration with Kohlhammer Publishers allows the commentary to be linked on the juris database.
- At the beginning of 2009, "**Pharmaceutical Intellectual Property – From Innovators to Generics**" was published with important contributions from BOEHMERT & BOEHMERT experts Prof Heinz Goddar, Dr Jan B. Krauss, Dr Dieter Laudien and Dr. Andreas Winkler.
- The Munich Lawyers Manual on Intellectual Property appeared at the beginning of 2009 in its revised 3rd edition. Chapters on copyright and competition law were contributed by Dr Rudolf Böckenholt, Prof Axel Nordemann and Dr Christian Czychowski.

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