

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: Steffen Falk Leihkauf

WORK EXPERIENCE

Since 1 February 2001

Jacobacci & Partners S.p.A., Milan, Italy

Senior Partner, Italian and European Patent Attorney, Professional Representative in Community Design matters before the OHIM.

Consultancy and representation as a patent attorney of clients ranging from research institutions and deeply specialized local companies to multi-national corporations.

Practice in drafting and prosecuting European and Italian patent applications relating to engineering subject-matter and experience of handling oppositions and appeal proceedings before the European Patent Office, including multiparty proceedings and hearings, both in English and German language.

Patent litigation in Italy, Germany and France.

Experience as appointed IP expert in International Arbitration Proceedings of the International Chamber of Commerce ICC.

Handling mainly engineering matter with particular experience in the fields of household appliances, medical devices, automotive brake systems, railway equipment, sports equipment, textile machines, domestic and industrial electrical equipment, valve systems for pressure piping, heating and ventilation equipment, construction materials, packaging and material handling systems and high pressure gas cylinders.

1999

Metalsistem Engineering S.r.l., Rovereto, Italy,

Design and analysis of integrated material handling and storage systems.

1996 - 1999

G-M-G Ingenieurpartnerschaft, Dresden, Germany, Design and analysis of steel bridges.

1996 - 1998

Technische Universität Dresden, Germany, Fakultät für Bauingenieurwesen, Lehrstuhl für Stahlbau, Research Fellow with focus on nonlinear analysis of structures in steel and composite materials

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2005

European Patent Attorney, reg.n. 9203290

2006

Italian Patent Agent, reg. n. 1198 B

2006

Representative in Community Design matters before the

ACADEMIC STUDIES

- 2012 - 2013 **Diplome “Patent Litigation in Europe”** at CEIPI, University of Strasburg, France.
- 1997 - 2000 **Ph.D. in Computational Mechanics** at Dresden University of Technology, Germany, with focus on “Nonlinear structural analysis of three-dimensional steel structures considering realistic bracing and connection conditions”.
- 1990 - 1996 **Degree in Civil Engineering** at Dresden University of Technology, Germany, Department of Structural Engineering.
- 1995 - 1996 **Research Project** at Politecnico di Milano, Italy, Department of Structural Engineering.
- 1993 - 1994 **postgraduate degree in Structural Steel Design (ICID)** at Imperial College London, UK. Thesis on “Design and life time estimate of welded joints in tubular offshore structures”.

