



GERLINDE (LINDA) NATTLER SHAREHOLDER

With many years of international in-house patent prosecution experience, Linda Nattler knows how important it is to view patent applications in the context of a client's business and technology. In the automotive supplier industry, Linda learned to be conscientious of costs and to focus on value.

While working in Europe, Linda was admitted to practice before the European Patent Office and thus has a truly international perspective. The knowledge of different standards applied by different patent offices helps her draft patent applications that withstand international as well as domestic challenges. At Brinks, Linda shares her knowledge with other attorneys to optimize the chances of patent grants on an international scale.

Linda's German clients appreciate that she is a native speaker of German. A quick phone call can resolve many issues instantly when no translation is necessary. Her European experience helps enable her to identify between issues that need further explanation and those that the clients are familiar with from their own experience.

As a patent prosecutor, Linda perceives every patent grant like the graduation of one of her children. A patent grant is not the end, but the beginning of a patent's career that can span 20 years from the filing date. In view of the many potential challenges over the course of a patent's life and in view of fast-paced changes in technology, it is not enough to obtain patentable claims. It is important to carve out a meaningful scope that is valid, enforceable and takes into account current and future developments in technology.

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EDUCATION

J.D., magna cum laude
Thomas Cooley Law School, 2010

University Diploma, Physics
Universität Bayreuth, 1989

BAR ADMISSIONS

Michigan
U.S. Dist. Court, E.D. Michigan
U.S. Patent & Trademark Office

EXPERIENCE | LEGAL

Brinks Gilson & Lione, Ann Arbor, MI

Associate, November 2010–Present

EXPERIENCE | NON-LEGAL

Continental Automotive Systems, Inc., Auburn Hills, MI
Manager N.A. Patents & Licenses, October 1998 – November 2010

ITT Automotive, Inc., Auburn Hills, MI
Patent Engineer, December 1996 – September 1998

ITT Automotive Europe GmbH, Frankfurt, Germany
Patent Engineer, April 1990 – November 1996

PRACTICE GROUP(S)

International Patent
International Trademark
Licensing
Patent Prosecution
Trade Secrets

AREA OF FOCUS

Electrical & Computer
Green Technology
Mechanical

FORWARD THINKING

Alerts

- It Pays to be Persistent if PTAB Rulings Violate Due Process
Ultratec v. CaptionCall and Matal (Fed. Cir. 2017) - *September 06, 2017*
- European Unitary Patent and Unified Patent Court after Brexit
- *August 11, 2016*

Blog Posts

- It Pays to be Persistent if PTAB Rulings Violate Due Process
Ultratec v. CaptionCall and Matal (Fed. Cir. 2017) - *September 06, 2017*

Presentations

- "Understanding Patent Applications and Methods for Best Approaches in Europe and the U.S.," Presenter, Brinks Webinar, March 29, 2017
- "Drafting Patent Applications that Comply with European Disclosure Requirements," Presenter, Wayne State University Law School, November 3, 2016
- "European Unitary Patent and Unified Patent Court," Presenter, Illinois Paralegal Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 25, 2016
- "Options of Challenging Competitors' Patents before the USPTO," Hamburg Chamber of Commerce, October 23, 2013

HONORS

- Managing Associate Editor, Senior Associate Editor, and Associate Editor; *Thomas M. Cooley Law Review*.
- John D. Voelker Award 2009 for the Senior Associate Editor who has made the most significant contribution to the *Thomas*

M. Cooley Law Review

- 100% Honor Scholarship, Dean's List, and Honor Roll every term at Thomas M. Cooley Law School

AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association (ABA)
- American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
- State Bar of Michigan
- Society of Automotive Engineers
- Vereinigung von Fachleuten des Gewerblichen Rechtsschutzes (VPP)