



## RAFAEL TÖGEL

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### PRACTICE AREAS

- Patents
- Industrial Designs
- Computer Programs
- Litigation
- Prosecution
- Counseling and Transactional
- Science & Patent Specialists

### LANGUAGES

- Portuguese
- English
- Spanish
- German

### BIOGRAPHY

Rafael Tögel is a seasoned Patent Engineer, who leads the Mechanics practice at Licks Attorneys. He is also the head of the firm's Curitiba office. Mr. Tögel's work focuses on assisting clients to prosecute and obtain patent rights in Brazil and abroad. He directly interacts with clients' R&D, engineering and legal departments to provide assistance in patent due diligence, training, early stages basic research and innovation. Mr. Tögel is an expert in prior art searches, FTOs, claim drafting for patent and design strategies, patent and design portfolio management as well as prosecution strategies before the BRPTO. Mr. Tögel also assists clients with monetizing R&D, advising in patent and technology transfer projects.

### REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Assisted a major dental implant provider against a worldwide market-leading competitor in launching products in Brazil and supported the patent invalidity litigation against the competitor. The case has been settled worldwide.
- Represented one of Brazil's largest freezing tunnel manufacturers in a post-grant procedure before the BRPTO narrowing the scope of protection of a patent granted to one of its worldwide competitors. Developed the technical grounds for the invalidation of the patent before the federal courts.
- Represented a major German company before the BRPTO for obtaining patent and design protection of medical devices.
- Represented major automotive and home appliance manufactures in developing and managing their patent and design portfolio in Brazil.
- Assisted a German market leader for special pouring lids and closures for the food industry in a patent and design litigation against a local competitor, providing technical reports and engaging with the court technical expert.

## PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Recognized as a leading individual patent by IAM 1000 in 2019.
- Named as a leading professional in Patent Prosecution by IAM Patent 1000, 2018 (“quick, accurate and always ready to take a call”) and 2019 (“his refined drafting skills are put to good use by a stable of high-profile clients that know what excellent prosecution looks like”) editions;
- Named as a leading professional in Patent Prosecution by Leaders League, editions 2018 and 2019; in Patent Litigation in edition 2019.
- Tutor at the Brazilian Association of Patent Agents on introduction to the Brazilian patent system, patentability of inventions, registration of designs and patent drafting.

## AFFILIATIONS

- Elected counselor of the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce (AHK-PR) in Brazil.
- Member of the German Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (GRUR).
- Member of the German Association of Intellectual Property Experts (VPP).
- Member of the Association of German Engineers (VDI).
- Member of the Brazilian German Association of Engineers (VDI-Brazil).

## EDUCATION

- Mechanical Engineering with specialization on Industrial Engineering and Marketing, University of Applied Sciences Kempten (FHK), Bavaria, Germany, 1995
- Management and Marketing MBA, IBMEC, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil, 1999
- Post-graduation in Intellectual Property and E-Commerce, Universidade Positivo, Curitiba, PR, Brazil, 2015

## PUBLICATIONS

- Getting the Deal Through – Patents Brazil, Law Business Research, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019.