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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 heads the Brazilian Patents and Innovations practice at Licks Attorneys. He is also the head of the firm's Curitiba office and co-head of the Mechanical practice. Mr. Tögel's work focuses on assisting clients to prosecute and obtain patent and design rights in Brazil and abroad. He directly interacts with clients' Research and Development, Engineering and Legal departments to provide assistance in patent due diligence, training, early stages basic research and innovation, helping clients to create and to develop patenting and design protection strategies. Mr. Tögel is an expert in prior art searches, FTO investigations and analysis of patentability, patent drafting and claim drafting. His work also includes patent and design portfolio management in Brazil and worldwide, as well as prosecution strategies before the BRPTO. Mr. Tögel also assists clients with monetizing R&D and advising in patent and technology transfer projects, participating in the decision-making process for IP rights protection. His main activities also include advising Brazilian clients on computer implemented inventions involving internet of things and artificial intelligence related matters. Mr. Tögel is elected counselor and active member of the council of the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce (AHK-PR) in Brazil. He is also a tutor at the Brazilian Association of Patent Agents on introduction to the Brazilian patent system, patentability of inventions, registration of designs and patent drafting.

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

- IAM Patent 1000 - Patent Prosecution (2023, 2022, 2019, 2018);
- Leaders League - Patent Prosecution (2019, 2018);
- Leaders League - Patent Litigation (2019).

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

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

PUBLICATIONS

- [Brazilian Lawmaker Introduces Bill to Allow AI as Inventor](#), IP Watchdog, 2024;
- [Investimento em segurança cibernética é essencial para cumprimento da LGPD](#), Segs, 2023;
- [Por que é necessário se manter relevante e prosperar no mundo digital?](#), Migalhas, 2023;
- [Por que é necessário se manter relevante e prosperar no mundo digital?](#), Câmara de Comércio e Indústria Brasil-Alemanha, 2023;
- [O crescimento do Brasil depende de um sistema de patentes eficaz e confiável](#), AHK - PR, 2021;
- [COVID-19: The impact on IP law and practice in Brazil](#), IP STARS, 2020;
- [L'INPI brésilien réussit son pari: les demandes de brevet enfin examinées](#), Lexis 360, 2020;
- Getting the Deal Through – Patents Brazil, Law Business Research, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019.