

Job Title: European Patent Counsel (m/f/d) - Bensheim, Germany

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Dentsply Sirona is the world's largest manufacturer of professional dental products and technologies, with a 130-year history of innovation and service to the dental industry and patients worldwide. Dentsply Sirona develops, manufactures, and markets a comprehensive solutions offering including dental and oral health products as well as other consumable medical devices under a strong portfolio of world class brands. Dentsply Sirona's products provide innovative, high-quality and effective solutions to advance patient care and deliver better and safer dentistry. Dentsply Sirona's global headquarters is located in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA. The company's shares are listed in the United States on NASDAQ under the symbol XRAY.

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Key Responsibilities:

- Works actively with product development personnel regarding the intellectual property rights associated with new product development activities.
- Communicates and interacts with the in-house and outside lawyers, support, and administrative staff to maintain, monitor, manage and prepare the Company's patent and trademark portfolio and freedom-to-operate opinions.
- Advises business management in IP legal matters as required.
- Provides infringement clearance opinions for new products to assure that the company can freely manufacture and market new products throughout the world, in accordance with the Company's Corporate Product Development Protocol.
- Protects the Company's present and future IP endeavors by obtaining appropriate worldwide patent coverage.

- Procures and maintains patent rights for DENTSPLY SIRONA in those countries of the world designated by management.
- Reviews and advises on licenses and other agreements involving the Company's IP throughout the world.
- Defends the Company from the assertion by others of their IP rights throughout the world.
- Manages IP costs by reviewing the company's patent portfolio and making timely maintenance and filing recommendations.
- Participates in due diligence related to acquisitions of IP for new businesses or products, providing timely opinions to management.
- Participates in IP litigation and opposition proceedings as appropriate including managing outside counsel, review of all legal documents, complaints, briefs, motions, interrogatories, and the like. Advises and assists management in connection with IP litigation and oppositions.

Requirements and Qualifications:

- Admitted to practice before the European Patent Office with extensive hands-on experience and knowledge of European patent practices
- 3-7 years' relevant experience in a major law firm or legal department of a multinational corporation, ideally prior in house and managerial experience
- Experience with computer process/devices and software related patents
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in German and English
- A professional with a high sense of ethics and integrity, who develops a relationship of trust with his/her colleagues in the organization
- Self-motivated and able to work independently in a fast-paced environment, with the ability to provide prompt, proactive and practical business and legal recommendations and decisions
- Reasoning ability including the ability to solve practical problems and deal with a variety of concrete variables
- Ability to interact with technical and business people at all levels
- A working knowledge of the Unified European Patent System and European Trademark Law is desirable

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