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Dr Ricker has been active in the IP field since 1991. His recent activities have focused on the areas of chemistry, pharmaceuticals and medical devices. He is active in counselling domestic and foreign clients in all areas of patent matters, providing representations in opposition and nullity proceedings before the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Patent Court, as well as in infringement proceedings – in many instances together with WRST's attorneys at law and patent attorneys with a mechanical or physical technical background.

Among other things, he has represented AstraZeneca in various cases relating to omeprazole; Eppendorf AG and Promega with regard to different aspects relating to polymerase chain reaction technology, including before the Federal Court of Justice; and Merz Pharma GmbH in the area of botulinum toxin in opposition/appeal and infringement proceedings, mainly together with WRST's attorneys at law. He also represents a significant number of clients – including Abbott Labs, Archroma IP GmbH (the former paper and textile business of Clariant), Eastman Chemicals, Fresenius Medical Care and Merck KGaA – in opposition proceedings and patent prosecution before the EPO.



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