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Vilhelm advises clients in commercial disputes with a particular focus on intellectual property matters. He has significant experience from both civil and administrative litigation as well as preliminary injunction proceedings and enforcement. Vilhelm has litigated before the Market Court, the Supreme Court, and the Supreme Administrative Court and the Unified Patent Court (UPC). Vilhelm is a registered representative in proceedings before the UPC. He has represented clients from several industries, such as life sciences, telecommunications, paper & pulp, oil & gas, media, video gaming, and IT. Prior to joining Hannes Snellman, Vilhelm worked in private practices in Helsinki for several years. He has also gained experience from the Finnish Ministry of Transport and Communications and trained on the bench.
Vilhelm has a doctoral degree in law from the University of Helsinki. His doctoral dissertation addressed trade secrets in European patent litigation. He is a regular speaker at seminars and has published several articles in prominent international legal journals. He has also completed an LL.M. in IP and Competition Law in Munich and studied law at the Santa Clara University, School of Law in California, U.S.

REFERENCES

- Counsel to Supponor entities in the Helsinki Local Division of the Unified Patent Court (UPC) in a case concerning a digital overlay technology, 2023
- Counsel to Anora Group in a dispute before the Market Court against Valvira, the National Supervisory Authority for Welfare and Health, regarding Anora Group's right to disclose information on its key brands, 2023
- Counsel to public company in a copyright dispute before the Market Court and the Supreme Court, 2023
- Counsel to a Nordic group in a patent infringement and invalidation proceedings before the Market Court, 2023
- Counsel to a multinational technology company and its local distributor in patent infringement and invalidation proceedings before the Market Court, 2023

RANKINGS

- Rising Star, Intellectual Property, Legal 500, 2023

- Bronze - Individuals: litigation, IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals, 2022-2023
- Notable Practitioner, Managing IP, 2020-2023
- Rising Star, Managing IP, 2019

MEMBERSHIPS AND POSITIONS OF TRUST

- Member of the European Patent Lawyers Association (EPLAW)
- Member of the International Association for the Advancement of Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property (ATRIP)
- Member of the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI)
- Member of the Finnish Bar Association
- Member of the Finnish Association for Industrial Property Rights (STY)
- Member of the Law Society in Finland
- Member of the Munich IP Dispute Resolution Forum

PUBLICATIONS

- "The protection of copyright and the right to privacy – two incompatible rights?", Nordiskt Immateriellt Rättsskydd (NIR), Issue 2, 2023
- "Lectio Praecursoria" (Introductory lecture at the public examination of doctoral dissertation), Tidskrift utgiven av juridiska föreningen (JFT), Issue 1, 2023
- "Trade Secrets in European Patent Litigation" (Doctoral Dissertation), Unigrafia, 2022
- "Obtaining Evidence in Patent Litigation and Trade Secret Protection – A Tale of Two Poles", GRUR International, April Issue, 2021 (co-author)
- "The protection of trade secrets in the Nordic countries" Nordiskt Immateriellt Rättsskydd (NIR), Issue 4, 2018 (co-author)
- "Transformation from a Patchwork Quilt to a Unified Fabric: Discussion on a Few Particular Aspects of the New Finnish Trade Secrets Act and the EU Trade Secrets Directive", Nordiskt Immateriellt Rättsskydd (NIR), Issue 4, 2018
- "Legislative Update: Implementation of the Trade Secrets Directive – A New Trade Secrets Act Proposed in Finland", Liikejuridiikka, Issue 1, 2018
- "Reverse Burden of Proof and the Protection of Trade Secrets in European Pharmaceutical Patent Litigation", Parts One and Two, European Intellectual Property Review (EIPR), Issues 4 and 5, 2017
- "Pay-for-Delay Settlements in the EU: Did the Commission Go Too Far?", European Intellectual Property Review (EIPR), Issue 12, 2016, and European Competition Law Review (ECLR), Issue 12, 2016
- "Can "External" Bilateral Competition Law Provisions Have an Interpretative Effect Within the Framework of the WTO Dispute Settlement System?", European Competition Law Review (ECLR), Issue 9, 2016

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Counsel, Hannes Snellman Attorneys, 2022–
- Counsel, Head of IP Disputes, Lindfors & Co Attorneys, 2020–2021
- Senior Associate / Associate, Roschier Attorneys, 2010–2020
- Trained on the Bench, District Court of Itä-Uusimaa, 2013

- Senior Officer, Finnish Ministry of Transport and Communications, 2010
- LL.D., University of Helsinki, 2022
- LL.M. in IP and Competition Law, Munich Intellectual Property Law Center (MIPLC), 2016
- Master of Laws, University of Helsinki, 2010

RECENT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “IPR-riidat – Liikesalaisuudet siviili- ja rikosprosessissa”, IPR University Center, 2024
- “The Unified Patent Court – A Nordic Perspective”, Munich Intellectual Property Law Center, 2023
- UPC Mock Trial at the Finnish Market Court (counsel for the Claimant), organized by the Finnish AIPPI Group and supported by the European Patent Office, 2023
- “Trade Secrets in European Patent Litigation”, public examination of doctoral dissertation, University of Helsinki, 2022
- "Protection of trade secrets during civil proceedings”, Delegate for the Finnish AIPPI Group for the Study Question, AIPPI World Conference (San Francisco, US), 2022
- ”Skyddet av upphovsrätten och rätten till skydd för privatlivet – två oförenliga rättigheter?”, referent, Nordiska Juristmötet (Reykjavik), 2022
- "Unified Patent Court", seminar, IPR University Center, 2022
- “Finnish, European and International Perspectives”, webinar on “Damages in IP Law”, IPR University Center, 2022
- “Standard Essential Patents in China”, moderator of online seminar, IPR University Center, 2022
- ”Riita-asiat ja IPR”, immateriaalioikeuden käytännön kurssi, Helsingin yliopisto, 2022, 2023
- “Patenträttegångar”, gästföreläsare på kursen ”Immaterialrättens specialfrågor”, Helsingfors universitet, 2022
- “Copyright and design issues in video gaming”, moderator of panel, AIPPI World Congress, 2021
- “Liikesalaisuuksien muuttunut suoja ja sen käytännön merkitys”, IPR-riidat ja sopimustekniikka, Alma Talent/Lakimiesliiton koulutus, 2020
- “Dialogue of Experts: Trade Secrets in a Time of Pandemic”, online seminar with Prof. Sharon Sandeen (U.S.), IPR University Center, 2020
- “Trade Secrets in Patent Litigation – A Mock Trial”, Munich Intellectual Property Law Center, 2020
- “Salassapito oikeudenkäynnissä”, Market Court/IPR University Center, 2019
- “Trade Secrets in European Patent Litigation”, Nordic/German IPR Network Meeting, University of Bergen, 2019
- “Patent Litigation – Enforcement & Strategies”, Hanken School of Economics, 2018
- “Law, automation and smart grids”, comments to Prof. Petri Kuoppamäki's presentation, IPR University Center, 2018
- “Hallintoprosessi – juridiikan perusteet – oikeudenkäynnit”, osa 2, IPR University Center, 2018
- “Patenttiriidat”, Aalto University, 2018