A Service of the Chamber of Patent Attorneys

History of patent attorneys. From Emperor Wilhelm I. to the third millennium.

1876 Utility model act passed.

1877 Arrangements in the individual states of Germany replaced by a patent act. Foundation of the Imperial Patent Office as the technical examining authority.

1900 Law relating to patent attorneys: conditions for admission to the profession introduced, viz. "technical expertise" (degree in a technical or scientific subject at a university) and furnishing evidence of the "requisite knowledge of the law".

1933 Establishment of the Patentanwaltskammer as a self-administering body of all patent attorneys.

1966 The Regulations governing Patent Attorneys (Patentanwaltsordnung) give the patent attorney his present position as an "independent body in the administration of justice".

1990 The German–German Unification Treaty places the patent experts of the former German Democratic Republic on the same footing as the patent attorneys and Patentassessors of the Federal Republic of Germany.

1998 The course of training supplemented by an obligatory university course in general law.

2003 Launch of the further training course in "European Industrial Property Right Law".

2009 Responsibility for admission to the patent bar transferred to the Patentanwaltskammer.