

Kerstin Gruendig-Schnelle of Lichtenstein, Koerner & Partners Wins Trademark Industry Award
International Trademark Association Presents Volunteer Service Awards in Miami, Florida

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Stuttgart, Germany-November 14, 2013 – Lichtenstein, Koerner & Partners is proud to announce that the International Trademark Association (INTA) honored Ms. Gruendig-Schnelle with the Volunteer Service Award (VSA) in the Advancement of Trademark Law category. INTA is a member based organization that supports and advances trademarks and related intellectual property in order to protect consumers and to promote fair and effective commerce.

The VSAs recognize individuals who provide exemplary volunteer service to INTA during the past year. Ms. Gruendig-Schnelle made a tremendous impact by volunteering both her time and expertise to support the Association's goals and objectives as outlined in the [2010–2013 Strategic Plan](#).

The ongoing reform of the EU trademark system has been a major focus for INTA for many years; and Ms. Gruendig-Schnelle has been at the center of the Association's efforts since the very beginning. This past March, when the Commission presented its legislative package, Ms. Gruendig-Schnelle once again played a key role among INTA's many policy committee members who extensively reviewed the proposed texts revising the CTM Directive and Regulation. Through her insight, expertise and unfaltering reliability, Ms. Gruendig-Schnelle has become indispensable in this ongoing political process, much to the benefit of the entire trademark community.

"Our volunteers are a crucial element in achieving our mission to advance the protection of trademarks around the world," said INTA CEO Etienne Sanz de Acedo. "On behalf of INTA and brand owners across the globe, I'd like to thank Ms. Gruendig-Schnelle for her hard work and determination."

Ms. Gruendig-Schnelle will accept the award today at an awards ceremony at INTA's Annual Leadership Meeting in Miami, Florida.

Read more about INTA and the contributions of this year's [Volunteer Service Awards winners](#).

About Lichtenstein, Koerner & Partners

Lichtenstein, Koerner & Partners is a German law firm based in Stuttgart. The law firm provides services in the field of intellectual property with particular recognition for their trademark and unfair competition work. The firm handles Community Trademarks and International Registrations as well as cases before the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market. It was established in 1947. Currently, the team consists of 15 lawyers.

About INTA

Founded in 1878, the International Trademark Association (INTA) is a global association of trademark owners and professionals dedicated to supporting trademarks and related intellectual property in order to protect consumers and to promote fair and effective commerce. Members include more than 6,300 trademark owners, professionals and academics from more than 190 countries, who benefit from the Association's global trademark research, policy development, education and training, and international network. Headquartered in New York City, INTA also has offices in Shanghai, Brussels and Washington, D.C., and representatives in Geneva and Mumbai.

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