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Sven started working at the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) in January 2004, having previously practiced as an Attorney-at-law (Rechtsanwalt) and Mediator in Berlin (Germany). Over the past fourteen years at EUIPO he has worked as a Lawyer Linguist, Opposition and Cancellation Examiner, Legal Assistant of the 1st Board of Appeal, Legal Advisor and as a Mediator. From 2014 to 2017, he was Team Leader of the Knowledge and Legal Support Team at the Boards of Appeal and Leader of the Knowledge Circle Appeal Processes.

In August 2017, Sven became the Chairperson of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Board of Appeal at EUIPO. He is also a Member of the Board of Appeal of the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO) in Angers, France and a Member of the Advisory Board of the online Intellectual Property Magazine (IPM), a joint venture with the German newspaper group Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung Fachverlag.

He is one of the pioneering mediators at EUIPO, having contributed decisively to the establishment of EUIPO's Mediation Service in 2011.

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