



HOFFMANN EITLE

Through our six offices which we have in the meantime established in essential economic centers in Europe, we are able to provide local assistance to our clients and partners.



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PROTECTING YOUR INNOVATIONS

Chemistry

If you want something new, you have to stop doing something old.

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OUR STRENGTHS

Chemistry

More than 40 IP professionals with national and European qualifications work in our office in the fields of chemistry, pharmaceuticals and life sciences. The size of the group and its tight integration with other teams is of major importance precisely in the dynamic and global field of chemistry. Companies with a global reach prize this capacity and this cooperation. Our areas of competence take in pharmaceuticals, polymers, detergents & cosmetics, printing technologies, electrochemistry, semiconductors, plant protection, building materials, textiles, foodstuffs and paper chemistry.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

We help you to protect your innovations effectively and enduringly. Our teams of experts successfully register, enforce, and defend your IP rights and provide competent advice in a profession where speed, thoroughness and a mastery of both technical and legal detail are key to preserving and extending ownership of your intellectual property. By concentrating on building up those key skills within our firm, we have come to stand out for our top-ranking expertise as well as for our speed and efficiency.



OUR FIRM

Founded in 1892 HOFFMANN EITLE has been a synonym for experience and quality in the legal protection of intellectual property. With approximately 400 employees at six locations in Germany and the rest of Europe, HOFFMANN EITLE today is one of the largest and most successful firms covering intellectual property law in Europe and offering patent and legal services tailored to meet your specific needs.

OUR SERVICES

Intellectual Property Rights

The chemistry team advises on all legal and technical issues around patent and utility model applications and is actively involved in patent prosecution worldwide. You will profit from our extensive international experience in preparing and obtaining intellectual property rights as well as developing a worldwide filing strategy for your IP rights. One special area of competence of our firm lies in supplementary protection certificates for medicinal and plant protection products.

Opposition and Nullity Proceedings

Another core area is the attack on and the defence of intellectual property rights in opposition and nullity proceedings before the European Patent Office, the German Federal Patent Court and the German Federal Court of Justice. HOFFMANN EITLE has been involved in many major patent litigation proceedings.

Patent Infringement

We have many years of experience in patent and utility model infringement disputes. Numerous landmark cases in, for example, the field of pharmaceuticals, have been successfully litigated by our team. We support our internal and external lawyers in litigation in German and international infringement proceedings – whether that's defending against attacks by third parties or developing offensive and defensive strategies to enforce your IP rights, such as by filing an infringement action.

Expert Opinions

Our team draws up comprehensive opinions on infringement issues and the legal validity of patents. Such assessments are often the cornerstone of successful procedures. Similarly, we evaluate patent portfolios and business activities in the context of freedom to operate and due diligence.