



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

Electrical Engineering & IT

Innovation
distinguishes
the leader from
the follower.

Steve Jobs

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OUR STRENGTHS

Electrical engineering & IT

The IP professionals on our team have academic degrees in electrical engineering, physics or computer science. With their technical expertise and legal experience, they are your specialists for intellectual property rights in all areas of electronics technology, including computer-implemented inventions (software). Our areas of competence include in particular telecommunications, automotive technology, optics, high-frequency technology, audio and image processing.

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

We advise our clients on all legal and technical issues concerning patent and utility model applications and oversee examination and granting procedures worldwide. This includes consulting comprehensively on filing strategies as well as preparing, prosecuting and registering intellectual property rights.

Opposition and Nullity Proceedings

Another core area of the electrical engineering & IT team is the attack on and the defence of IP rights in opposition and nullity proceedings before the European Patent Office, the German Federal Patent Court and the German Federal Court of Justice. The team also monitors and assesses patent activities of third parties.

Patent Infringement

We have many years of experience in patent and utility model infringement disputes. The team supports our internal and external attorneys in litigation in German and pan-European infringement proceedings. These include defending against attacks, developing and pursuing infringement proceedings, and developing attack and defence strategies to enforce your intellectual property rights. We also advise in preliminary injunction proceedings, as well as in all licensing issues.

Expert Opinions

We draft comprehensive opinions on infringement issues and on the legal validity of IP rights. These opinions often lay the foundations of successful proceedings. In addition, our team has extensive experience in drawing up freedom-to-operate opinions and a particular expertise in analysing large patent portfolios, like those that are usually the subject of FRAND or Orange Book licence negotiations in the telecommunications sector.