Protecting your innovations
Mechanical engineering

The world is moving so fast these days that the man who says it can’t be done is generally interrupted by someone doing it.

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OUR SERVICES

Intellectual Property Rights
Our IP professionals specialised in mechanical engineering support you in all legal and technical matters relating to patents, utility models and designs, from research to applying for to the granting of patents and beyond. We handle examination proceedings before the European Patent Office and the national patent authorities in Germany, Britain, France, Italy and the Netherlands, as well as at the Office for Harmonisation for the Internal Market. Working with an international network of other patent law firms, we coordinate worldwide examination and granting procedures.

Opposition and Nullity Proceedings
Our IP professionals are active in opposition and nullity proceedings before the German Patent and Trademark Office, the European Patent Office, the German Federal Patent Court, and the German Federal Court of Justice. We represent your interests as the proprietor of the patent or in attacks on the IP rights of third parties. This also applies to national utility models.

Patent Infringement
Working with our internal and external litigation attorneys, we support you in proceedings arising out of infringements of patents or utility models. Members of our mechanical engineering team can also be called on as independent court experts in patent infringement proceedings.

Expert Opinions
We draw up comprehensive opinions on infringement issues and on the legal validity of patents and utility models. These expert opinions often lay the foundations for successful litigation and licensing. We also have broad-ranging experience in rendering freedom-to-operate opinions for your future products and due diligence services. Our expert services also extend to issues related to employee invention law.

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 STRENGTHS

Mechanical Engineering

The IP professionals on the mechanical engineering team offer their expert advice in the areas of Engineering Sciences and Applied Physics, and are qualified to represent clients in Germany, the United Kingdom, France, Italy and the Netherlands, as well as before the European Patent Office. Their technical and legal expertise make them the IP experts you will need in the broad field of mechanical engineering, civil engineering, materials science and physics. The team’s special areas of competence take in medical technology, material sciences and geosciences, construction, paper and packaging technology, optics, nanotechnology, printing systems, 3D-printing, additive manufacturing, and automotive, processing and engineering technology.

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.