



Securing innovations: Creating a patent portfolio and enforcing it for and against big players



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Abstract: Today, patent protection is an indispensable means of securing investments in the development of new technology and promoting innovation. As a protective right for technical innovations, the patent rewards its author for disclosing a new and inventive technical teaching to the public with a temporary prohibition right. What are the requirements that must be met in order to have an innovation placed under legal protection? How are patents enforced? Insights from the perspective of a litigator in high profile international patent disputes.

Bio: Joel Nägerl holds a PhD in physics, is a German and European Patent Attorney and qualified to represent clients before the future Unified Patent Court. Partnered at the patent law boutique Zimmermann & Partner, Joel mainly works in the technical fields of telecommunication, electrical engineering, semiconductor technology and optics. His main practice area is patent litigation, where he advises and represents large multinational companies in numerous, high profile, international disputes before the proper authorities. Due to his profound technical expertise and keen legal sense, Joel's services are in great demand as counsel for developing technical attack and defense strategies for litigation proceedings both in Germany and in foreign jurisdictions. He also serves as an appointed Court Expert at the Higher Regional Court of Düsseldorf and coauthored the handbook on patent law, "Handbuch des Patentrechts" (C.H.Beck Verlag, 2022) and the commentary on the European Patent Convention, "Europäisches Patentübereinkommen" (Carl Heymanns Verlag, 2024).

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