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Johannes Heselberger represents clients in patent infringement proceedings before German courts in the first and second instance and gives advice and support to them in legal appeal proceedings and in complaints against denial of leave to legal appeal proceedings before the German Federal Court of Justice. Since the start of the UPC system on June 1, 2023, he has also represented clients in infringement and nullity proceedings before the Unified Patent Court.

In addition, Johannes Heselberger plays a leading and coordinating role in patent nullity proceedings before the German Federal Patent Court and in appeal proceedings before the German Federal Court of Justice as well as in opposition proceedings before the European Patent Office and the German Patent and Trademark Office.

Owing to his practice as an attorney-at-law and his qualification as a graduate physicist, Johannes Heselberger has comprehensive technical experience in the field of telecommunications, medical devices and the automotive industry. Pharmaceutical and biotech cases, including the extremely rare proceedings for a compulsory license, are also part of his field of practice as an attorney-at-law. His comprehensive professional expertise in SEP and FRAND litigations as well as in enforcement of and defense against license programs make him a precious advisor also in this field. Drawing on this experience, Johannes Heselberger also assists parties seeking licences and granting licences at all stages of licence negotiations.

Johannes Heselberger successfully attended to a number of important, often transnational patent infringement proceedings for German and international large-scale companies as well as for owner-operated medium-sized enterprises. Depending on the size and complexity of a case, he heads compact teams of attorneys-at-law and patent attorneys or also large working groups in cooperation with his partners of the law firm.

Being qualified as both an attorney-at-law (since 1994) and a European Patent Attorney (since 1999), he is particularly able to have a comprehensive understanding not only of the legal but also the technical aspects of a case. This enables Johannes Heselberger in a special way to coordinate infringement proceedings and proceedings on legal validity.

From 2001 to 2023, Johannes Heselberger was a member of the management team at BARDEHLE PAGENBERG, first as CFO, then as Co-Managing Partner and Managing Partner.



Domaines Juridiques

Rei vindicatio	Patent Valuation
Licensing & Technology Transfer	Patent Litigation
Employee Inventions	Oppositions and Nullity
Due Diligence	Antitrust Law
Unitary Patent	Unified Patent Court

Secteurs industriels



Semiconductor Technology



Mechanical Engineering



Electrical Engineering



Medical Devices



Chemistry, Pharma & Life Sciences



Software, IT & Computer Technology



Telecommunications



Physics



Automotive



Recommandation



























Johannes Heselberger is an excellent lawyer who is a very reliable and safe pair of hands.

Chambers Global, 2025

Johannes Heselberger is a very good technical attorney who is calm, cool and direct.

Chambers Global, 2025

in-depth expertise in litigation, great on litigation strategies, keeps business interests of the client in mind, cost effective

JUVE Patent, 2024

outstanding legal representation, superb judgement and experience, and technical skill. He knows which arguments to make and has the work ethic to develop creative arguments to their fullest.

IAM Patent 1000, 2024

Johannes Heselberger centres his practice on high-profile patent litigation before German patent courts. His client roster includes technology, engineering and life science companies.

Chambers Global, 2024

been very happy with his advice for many years outstanding strategist, very friendly and business-oriented

JUVE Patent, 2023

Johannes Heselberger has been valuable for many years in out-of-court, but above all in in-court representation in the event of patent infringements.

The Legal 500 Germany/EMEA, 2023

Johannes [...] has superb judgement and experience. He knows which arguments to make and has the work ethic to develop those arguments to the fullest. He provides outstanding legal representation.

IAM Patent 1000, 2023

Johannes Heselberger has been a great help on a range of complex matters. His advice is detailed, well reasoned and practical.

Chambers Global and Europe, 2023





Lectures & Seminars

Johannes Heselberger regularly speaks on topics in the fields of patent infringement and patent valuation.



Curriculum vitae

2023	Registration as a Representative before the UPC	
2018 - 2023	Managing Partner of the Firm	
2015 - 2018	Vice-Managing Partner of the Firm	
1999 - aujourd'hullartner of the firm		
1999	Licensed to practice as a European Patent Attorney	
1994 - 1999	Associate at BARDEHLE PAGENBERG, Munich, Germany, and Paris, France	
1994	Second State Law Examination (bar admission exam)Licensed to practice as an attorney-at-law	
1991 - 1994	Trainee at BARDEHLE PAGENBERG, Munich, Germany	
1991 - 1994	Training; Legal studies in Munich and Speyer, Germany, and Houston, Texas	
1985 - 1991	Legal studies at the University of Regensburg, GermanyFirst State Law Examination (degree-level qualification)	
1984 - 1990	Degree in Physics (DiplPhys.) at the University of Regensburg, Germany	