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### Technical Expertise

Electrical Engineering, Electronics  
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New Digital Technologies

Automation and Robotics

Physics



### Legal Expertise

Patent and Utility Model Protection

Opposition and Appeal Proceedings

Patent Infringement and Nullity  
Proceedings

IP Contracts and Licenses

IP Due Diligence

Employee Invention Law

Alternative Dispute Resolution

**Michael Platzöder holds a degree in physics and has extensive practical experience both as a long-time head of an IP department in the IT/telecommunications and semiconductor industries and as a Patent Attorney.**

## Legal Practice

Mr. Platzöder started his IP career in 1995 as a patent engineer at Siemens AG in the field of telecommunications and computer technology. Between 1999 and 2008, he headed the Intellectual Property department of the Communication Technology Division at Infineon Technologies, most recently as Senior Director Intellectual Property & Standards. Furthermore, he was responsible for collaborations, licensing, contract management (including negotiation of more than 100 IP contracts), standardization, innovation management, as well as technical competitive analysis. Mr. Platzöder is admitted as representative at the UPC (European Patent Litigator (UPC)) since June 2023.

Between 2008 and 2012, Mr. Platzöder worked as an attorney for a renowned German law and patent law firm, where his main focus was, among other things, the establishment and defense of several high-tech patent portfolios and a number of partly high-profile patent litigations, in particular in the field of “smartphones” and mobile technologies, electronics, as well as in the field of security solutions.

Since 2012, Mr. Platzöder has been with Wallinger Ricker Schlotter Tostmann, where he heads the “High Tech” practice group and represents international and national clients in all areas of patent law, in particular in patent litigation and patent prosecution, with a focus on IT/telecommunications and semiconductor technology, electronics, computer-implemented inventions, embedded systems, security solutions, physics, renewable energy solutions, and medical technology. His scope of advice also includes strategic IP management,



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including innovation and patent portfolio management, IP exploitation, risk management, and in-house IP processes/structures, as well as IP and technology licensing, R&D collaborations, M&A, IP due diligence and alternative dispute resolution (ADR).

Mr. Platzöder has been continuously listed as a “recommended individual” in the “IAM Patent 1000 - The World’s Leading Patent Professionals” ranking since 2016.



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## Technical Background

Mr. Platzöder studied physics at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich. His broad technical experience includes: Wireless and wireline telecommunications, optoelectronics/optical networks, communication devices (HW and SW), IT/computer technology including computer-implemented inventions, embedded systems, security solutions, display and storage devices, image, audio and video processing, user interfaces, smart cards, integrated circuits, memory, single and power semiconductor devices, and semiconductor materials, process and packaging technologies.



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### Memberships

- + Patent Attorneys Association (PAK)
- + Institute of Professional Representatives before the European Patent Office (epi)
- + International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys (FICPI)
- + Association of Intellectual Property Professionals (VPP)
- + Licensing Executives Society (LES)
- + Association for Electrical, Electronic & Information Technologies (VDE)
- + IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers)



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