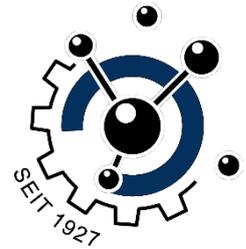


# Protecting IP Rights with Tradition



- 1927 **Dipl.-Ing. Carl Stoepel** founded the first office in Berlin, the capital of Germany at that time.
- 1930 Multi-regional partnership with **Johannes Fritze**, Hamburg
- 1945/46 The partnership was dissolved due to the war. At the turn of the year, the office moved from Berlin via Berneck/Fichtelgebirge to **Landau in the Palatine**. At first, Carl Stoepel ran the firm by himself.
- 1954 **Dipl.-Ing. Werner Gollwitzer** joined the firm initially as a patent attorney trainee.
- 1957 Werner Gollwitzer became a patent attorney at the firm.
- 1963 **Friedrich-Wilhem Möll** after 3 years of training was included in the list of patent attorneys.
- 1967 Patent attorneys **Stoepel, Gollwitzer and Möll** ran the firm as a joint partnership from the beginning of the year. At this time, the firm had a total of 38 employees.
- 1977 Patent attorney Stoepel left the partnership at the end of the year. It was then continued by patent attorneys Gollwitzer and Möll.
- 1978 In the spring, the firm moved from the location at "Schützenhof" to "Langstrasse 5"
- 1983 **Dipl.-Ing. Hans-Christoph Bitterich** was employed by the firm as an associate. At the end of the year, patent attorney Gollwitzer left the partnership.
- 1984 At the beginning of the year, the firm continued to be run as a joint partnership by patent attorneys **Möll and Bitterich**.
- 1994 On February 1, the firm moved to its current location in Landau at "Westring 17." At the same time, Dipl.-Ing. Andreas Kurz joined the company as a patent attorney trainee.
- 1997 Dipl.-Ing. Andreas Kurz began his position as a patent attorney in the firm.
- 2005 Patent Attorney Möll retired from the firm at the end of the year.
- 2006 Dr. Christian Keller joined the firm as patent attorney at the beginning of the year.
- 2007 The firm celebrates its 80th anniversary.  
This event was covered in the German newspaper "RHEINPFALZ".
- 2009 The firm was run by patent attorneys Bitterich and Dr. Keller as a joint partnership.
- 2010 Astrid Schwertfeger joined the firm in January initially as an associate. Patent attorney Bitterich left at the end of the year.
- 2011 Since the beginning of the year, patent attorneys Dr. Christian Keller and Astrid Schwertfeger have been running the firm as a joint partnership.
- 2013 Since 1st of May, the firm's name has changed to "**Patentanwälte Dr. Keller, Schwertfeger**".  
The German newspaper "RHEINPFALZ" reports on the firm.
- 2014 Patent Attorney Andreas Kurz left the firm
- 2017 The firm celebrates its **90th anniversary**.
- 2018 The legal form of the firm has changed to a partnership with limited professional liability.