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Dr. Naho Fujimoto

Partner

German Patent Attorney

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Chemist

Naho advises and represents companies from the pharmaceuticals and chemicals industries with respect to patent prosecution proceedings worldwide. On account of her linguistic and cultural background, Naho's Japanese clients naturally make up a large part of her workload, which have a focus on Europe. Naho also supervises and manages complex global patent families and portfolios, from filing to grant to post-grant procedures. She has many years of experience in providing strategic advice on product-related projects, including conducting state of the art searches, preparing freedom-to-operate opinions, monitoring competitor activities, supporting clients in licensing negotiations and participating in opposition and appeal proceedings.

TESTIMONIALS

"Naho Fujimoto is a fluent Japanese speaker with a large and sophisticated practice for Japanese pharmaceutical and biotech names seeking protection in Europe. Strategically minded and sharp, she provides high-level portfolio advice, conducts comprehensive searches and prepares FTO analyses."

- IAM Patent 1000, 2023

"Naho Fujimoto: Very solution-oriented; very efficient."

- Legal 500 DE, 2022

CAREER

since 2022	Partner, shareholder and managing director at Maiwald
since 2019	Partner at Maiwald
since 2015	Patent attorney at Maiwald
2013 - 2015	Patent attorney trainee at Maiwald
2012 - 2013	Patent attorney trainee at a French IP law firm in Paris

EDUCATION

2023	Admitted to practice before the UPC
2016	Admitted to practice as German patent attorney
2015	Admitted to practice as European patent attorney
2013 - 2015	Studied law for patent attorneys at the University of Hagen
2005 - 2009	Doctoral degree in the field of organic chemistry from the University of Hamburg
1999 - 2005	Studied chemistry at the University of Hamburg

PRACTICE AREAS

- Pharma & Biotech
- Organic Chemistry & Polymers
- Patents & Utility Models
- IP Consulting

SERVICES

- Patent prosecution and portfolio management
- Filing strategies and drafting patent applications
- Freedom-to-operate and validity analysis
- Opposition and nullity proceedings

RECOGNITIONS

- Listed in IAM Strategy 300 Global Leaders 2022, 2023, 2024
- Recommended as one of the world's leading intellectual property strategists by IAM Strategy 300 2021, 2022, 2023
- Recommended in IAM Patent 1000 "World's Leading Patent Professionals" 2023
- Recommended in Legal 500 Deutschland 2021, 2022, 2023
- Scholarship from the German National Academic Foundation

PUBLICATIONS

- Interview IAM Strategy 300 Global Leaders, 2023
- Article new EPO Guidelines 2021 and VC, AIPPI Japan Vol66 No12 (Japanese only)

MEMBERSHIPS

- German Patent Attorney Association
- epi
- GDCh

LANGUAGES

- German
- Japanese
- English

- French