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German Patent Attorney
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Eva Ehlich represents European, US and Japanese companies in the chemical, biochemical and pharmaceutical sectors whom she advises and assists in drafting, prosecuting, defending, enforcing and challenging IP rights in Germany, Europe and worldwide. Along with preparing freedom-to-operate and validity analyses she has experience in patent litigation and strategic patent filing, SPCs, especially in the area of drug delivery, pharmaceuticals and medical uses (small molecules and biologics including vaccines) as well as in coordinating international patent portfolios and freedom-to-operate strategies. In this context she coordinates as hub-counsel team-lead large attorney teams including attorneys from Maiwald and international partner law firms. Eva Ehlich has received numerous recognitions for her professional activities as a patent attorney.

REFERENCES

“Recognised for her ability to “develop strategic patent prosecution strategies and portfolios in complex technical areas.” Eva Ehlich navigates intricate issues at the EPO. Her leadership in coordinating international teams and global IP strategies exemplifies her status as a true expert in the field.”

- [IAM Patent 300, 2025](#)

"Eva Ehlich is a well-regarded IP lawyer renowned for representing clients in the chemical, biochemical and pharmaceutical sectors on high-value patent litigations and patent filings."

- [Who's who Legal IP, 2024](#)

Further references can be viewed on the profile.

CAREER

since 2012	Partner, shareholder and managing director at Maiwald
since 2004	Patent attorney at Maiwald
2001 - 2004	Patent attorney trainee at Maiwald

EDUCATION

2023	Admitted to practice before the UPC
2006	Passed the US patent agent examination
2005	Admitted to practice as European patent attorney
2004	Admitted to practice as German patent attorney
2001 - 2004	Studied law for patent attorneys at University of Hagen
1998 - 2001	Doctoral degree in the field of chemistry from the Technical University of Munich
1992 - 1998	Studied chemistry at the Technical University of Munich

PRACTICE AREAS

- 制药&生物科技
- 有机化学&聚合物
- 无机材料&建材
- 专利&实用新型
- 知识产权咨询

SERVICES

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

RECOGNITIONS

- Winner of Lexology Index Client Choice Award 2026 in the Category "IP Patents Germany"
- Recommended in IAM Patent 1000 "World's Leading Patent Professionals" 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2025
- Listed in Who's Who Legal, recommended in the "Germany" and "IP" Ranking 2024
- Recommended by IAM Strategy 300 as the World's leading IP Strategist 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Listed as "Excellent" in the Leaders League Rankings Germany 2022 and 2023 in the categorie Patent Prosecution, listed as "Leading" in 2024
- Recommended in MIP IP Stars 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Recommended in Legal 500 EMEA 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
- Recommended in Legal 500 Deutschland 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
- Listed in IAM Strategy 300 Global Leaders 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Recommended in Handelsblatt | Best Lawyers "Germany's Best Lawyers" 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
- "Recommended individuals" in JUVE Patent Rankings Germany 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- Featured among Managing IP's Top 250 Women in IP 2022
- "Frequently recommended lawyer" in the JUVE Handbook of Commercial Law Firms 2017/ 2018, 2017/2018, 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021, 2021/2022

PUBLICATIONS

- Clinical Trial Inventions in the Squeeze: The New Transparency Rules for Clinical Trials in the EU and the Assessment of Patentability by the EPO and the UPC, epi information, 1/2026
- Statistics and Takeaways from Continued Application of G 2/21 by the EPO's Boards of Appeal and First

Impressions from the UPC on “Plausibility” epi Information, 1/2025

- After two years of G 2/21 case law, is the interpretation now settling? Managing IP, 2025
- Co-chair at the 3rd Annual Life Science Strategy Summit on IP & Exclusivity in Munich, 2024 – Lecture title: “Transcontinental Update on Regulatory and IP Strategies Surrounding Clinical Trials”
- Interview IAM Strategy 300 Global Leaders, 2024
- Patenting medical treatments in the US and Europe – a guide for practitioners, Managing IP 2024
- Podcast – Empowering women and nurturing young talent: Maiwald’s commitment to equality and diversity, MIP, 2024
- Is the medical use disclosure standard different for novelty and sufficiency?, Managing IP, 2024
- Promoting women and young talent at MAIWALD, 2024
- Reliance on a purported technical effect for inventive step – Quo vadis “plausibility” after G 2/21? epi Information, 1/2024
- Products eligible for the medical use format under the EPC: new insights, Managing IP 2024
- T 0116/18 and a review after 10 months of G 2/21, Managing IP 2024
- Maiwald makes the case for patent lawyers to learn something new: LiquidText, The Patent Lawyer (Annual 2024)
- Interview IAM Strategy 300 Global Leaders, 2023
- JUVE Handbook 2021/2022: Co-publishing article on the topic of „Chancen und Stolpersteine bei Videoverhandlungen am EPA“
- What is Horizon Europe about? (2021)
- Germany: EBA Set to Hear Case on the Legality of the EPO’s Video Proceedings, 2021
- Patente treiben Innovation und Fortschritt, 2021
- R 0016/13 – A truly positive decision! (2015)

IMPORTANT CASES

- Opposition against EP 3 679 915 concerning a dengue vaccine (Opposition Division)
- Appeal T2303/19 concerning a vaccine composition (Board of Appeal)
- Appeal T1977/21 concerning attenuated viruses (Board of Appeal)
- Appeal T0489/20 concerning a transdermal system for treating pain (Board of Appeal)
- 2 BvR 561/18, 2 BvR 756/16, 2 BvR 786/15 regarding the independence of the Boards of Appeal (German Constitutional Court)
- R 02/15, R 05/15, R 08/13 regarding the independence of members of the Boards of Appeal and the right to be heard (Enlarged Board of Appeal)
- T1938/09 regarding a transdermal system for treating pain (Board of Appeal)
- 315 O 383/17 regarding a transdermal system for treating pain (District Court of Hamburg)
- 21 O 6972/16, 4c O 20/16 regarding a transdermal system for treating pain (district court of Munich)
- T0259/15 regarding a transdermal system for treating pain (Board of Appeal)
- T1676/08 regarding an oral controlled release pain medicament (Board of Appeal)

MEMBERSHIPS

- German Patent Attorney Association
- AIPPI
- epi
- FICPI
- GRUR

LANGUAGES

- German
- English