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German Patent Attorney

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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.

CAREER

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| 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

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| 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

- Recommended in Legal 500 Deutschland 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- 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
- 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