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Naho Fujimoto advises and represents companies from the pharmaceuticals and chemicals as well as biotech 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.

REFERENCES

"Naho Fujimoto is an extremely thoughtful patent lawyer and exceptional prosecutor. She drafts complex applications and provides guidance to her clients on how to obtain the strongest protection possible in crowded spaces."

- [IAM Strategy 300, 2024](#)

"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](#)

Further references can be viewed on the profile.

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

- 製薬&バイオテクノロジー
- 有機化学&ポリマー
- 特許&実用新案
- IP戦略コンサルティング

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 IAM Patent 1000 "World's Leading Patent Professionals" 2023, 2025
- Recommended as one of the world's leading intellectual property strategists by IAM Strategy 300 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- Listed as "Highly recommended" in the Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals category in the Leaders League Rankings Germany 2024
- Recommended in Legal 500 EMEA 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- Recommended in Legal 500 Deutschland 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- Listed in IAM Strategy 300 Global Leaders 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Scholarship from the German National Academic Foundation

PUBLICATIONS

- Interview IAM Strategy 300 Global Leaders, 2024
- Podcast – Empowering women and nurturing young talent: Maiwald's commitment to equality and diversity, MIP, 2024
- Promoting women and young talent at MAIWALD, 2024
- 欧州における抗体特許 – 機能的クレームの記載要件 –、(一社)日本知的財産協会「知財管理」Vol. 73 No. 6 pp. 690-702, 2023
- Interview IAM Strategy 300 Global Leaders, 2023
- 欧州特許庁のニュース: 2021 年版の審査ガイドラインとビデオ会議について、AIPPI Japan Vol66 No12, 2021

MEMBERSHIPS

- German Patent Attorney Association
- epi
- GDCh

LANGUAGES

- German
- Japanese
- English
- French