

# Global IP Europe



Your access to worldwide IP

GLOBAL IP EUROPE IS A PATENT LAW FIRM IN MUNICH.  
WE REPRESENT INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC CLIENTS.



Our multinational team includes qualified European, German, UK and Japanese patent attorneys, so we are in the advantageous position of providing a comprehensive global service with a focus on prosecution and enforcement in Europe. Since international protection requires technical inventions to be filed in multiple states, differences in IP practices are a crucial factor in achieving adequate patent protection.

The cross-cultural interface between Europe and Asia is covered in a one-of-a-kind way by our multinational team – an unbeatable strength for our firm and your potential advantage.

GLOBAL IP EUROPE HAS A NUMBER OF UNIQUE STRENGTHS.

Firstly, our company is unusual in that it includes patent attorneys from both Europe and Japan.

Secondly, Global IP Europe is affiliated with the worldwide patent law network of “United GIPs” which encompasses partner offices in Japan, USA, China, Korea, the ASEAN countries and India. Enterprises are increasingly filing their domestic inventions internationally so as to access larger markets. We have the background and skills to satisfy this demand.



## SERVICES AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

Our team is committed to high-quality prosecution and forceful defense of your IP rights in Europe. We handle patent rights at all stages, from initial invention conception, application drafting and filing, defense in examination before the patent offices, all the way through to representation in infringement actions.



## AREAS IN WHICH WE SPECIALIZE

- drafting patent applications
- filing and prosecuting patent applications before the German Patent and Trademark Office and the European Patent Office
- representing clients in opposition proceedings and actions for nullity/revocation
- prosecuting trademarks and designs
- providing professional opinions (analyses on freedom-to-operate (FTO), patent validity and collision)
- prior art searches and the evaluation of patent portfolios

Given our double qualifications and language skills with bilingual native-tongue speakers of German, English and Japanese, we are uniquely suited to ensuring that your inventions are processed effectively in the territories where your major market interests lie.

We look forward to supporting you in protecting your inventions.

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**DR. ANDREW HARDS**  
GERMAN, UK AND EUROPEAN PATENT ATTORNEY



Andrew Hards is a European patent attorney with both the German and UK patent attorney qualifications. He initially graduated at the Munich LMU University in chemistry and polymer chemistry. After studying in Sapporo/Japan for half a year, he continued with post-graduate research in Munich, thus attaining a PhD in the field of single molecule

laser spectroscopy. Mr. Hards founded the patent law firm Hards & Franke in 2008, before starting up with Global IP Europe in 2012.

**AREAS OF SPECIALISATION**

- chemistry with an emphasis on materials and organic chemistry
- physics, including laser technology, optics and microscopy
- nanotech applications
- polymer chemistry
- pharmaceuticals and medical devices

Andrew Hards is bilingual in English and German, speaks French and has established an understanding of Japanese.

Mr. Hards is active as a patent law tutor at the European Patent Academy, where he holds webinars for the EQE Pre-exam course and also as a lecturer for the EPO GL2Day tour.

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## **TOMOKO INAZUMI**

### JAPANESE AND EUROPEAN PATENT ATTORNEY

Tomoko Inazumi is a distinguished Japanese patent attorney and European patent attorney and is exceptional in holding both qualifications. She has attained a B.S. and an M.S. in electrical engineering from Kobe University and began her career as a systems engineer with Fujitsu Corporation.

### AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

- electronics, including software, opto-electronics, semiconductor materials and LCDs
- information technology and bioinformatics
- mechanics
- trademarks
- designs



Tomoko Inazumi has extensive professional experience in Japan, as a partner of Shinjyu Global IP in Osaka. Since 2007 she has been living in Munich, Germany and has contributed to establishing Global IP Europe. Tomoko Inazumi is ideally positioned to mediate between Europe and Japan.

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**DR. KATHARINA AULINGER-FUCHS**  
EUROPEAN PATENT ATTORNEY

Katharina Aulinger-Fuchs is a European patent attorney. She graduated at the Munich LMU University in organic, analytical and pharmaceutical chemistry.

Ms. Aulinger-Fuchs has more than 15 years of experience in patent prosecution in the fields of chemistry, pharmaceutical chemistry, organic and analytical chemistry as well as medical technology. Her main expertise encompasses drafting and prosecuting patent applications, as well as preparing patent validity and infringement opinions.

Moreover, she has gained comprehensive experience as an in-house patent counsel, while working for several years in a biotech company, where she also dealt with IP due diligence analysis, employee inventions, licensing contracts and the establishment of patent strategies.

Since 2015, Ms. Aulinger-Fuchs has been working with Global IP Europe. In particular, she provides support for chemical and pharmaceutical patents.

**AREAS OF SPECIALISATION**

- inorganic and organic chemistry
- analytical chemistry
- pharmaceutical and medical technologies foodstuffs and agrochemicals
- life science



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## ULRICH NEYMEYR

GERMAN AND EUROPEAN PATENT ATTORNEY



Ulrich Neymeyr graduated as a mechanical engineer at the Technical University of Aachen in 1992. He worked for several years in industry as a design engineer and project leader in the automotive and medical products industries. After that he took up a year-long assignment in the R&D department of a Japanese company in Kyoto, Japan. He started working in the IP field in 2005 and was admitted to the German patent attorney bar in 2008.

## AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

- Mechanical engineering
- Telecommunications
- Medical devices
- Plastics and plastics processing

As a patent attorney, Mr. Neymeyr has in-depth practical experience in drafting and prosecuting patent applications in the fields of mechanical and electronic engineering. He also handles patent licensing contracts and employee invention matters.

Ulrich Neymeyr is fluent in German and English. He also speaks French and Japanese.

In 2014, Mr. Neymeyr started working with Global IP Europe. In particular, as an expert in this field of technology, he provides support for mechanical engineering patents.

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**YUKO UCHIYAMA**

JAPANESE PATENT ATTORNEY



Yuko Uchiyama majored in mechanical engineering at Chiba University, after which she worked for several years as a design engineer for mechanical equipment.

Ms. Uchiyama then started her career as a patent engineer specialized in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and mechanical engineering in Tokyo and now has over 13 years' experience in a wide range of patent practices including drafting patent applications, patent

prosecution, patentability searches, non-infringement/patentability opinions, and trademarks.

She qualified as a Japanese patent attorney in 2011 and joined Global IP Europe in 2016.

**AREAS OF SPECIALISATION**

- Mechanical engineering, including automotive engineering, car electronics and machine control
- Electronic appliances, including air-conditioning apparatuses, display panels and cosmetic equipment
- Information processing, including image processing, graphical user interfaces, image detection and speech recognition
- Telecommunications, including computer networking and communication devices

Yuko Uchiyama is strong in communicating and bringing out the ideas and requirements of the clients and has high comprehension in understanding their technologies. She has been continuously trusted over many years by both inventors and IP department members in leading Japanese manufacturers through efficient, faithful and reliable work products.

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**LEON EURINGER**

EUROPEAN PATENT ENGINEER



**AREAS OF SPECIALISATION:**

- synthetic organic chemistry
- polymer chemistry
- photochemistry
- chemical reaction engineering
- automotive engineering

Leon Euringer graduated at the Technical University Munich in organic chemistry with a focus on photochemistry and organic synthesis.

Mr. Euringer works in the chemical team at GIP Europe. He is fluent in German and English.

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From the city centre take the S-Bahn to Isartor and then either change taking the tram 18 to the tram station Maxmonument or walk directly from Isartor to Pfarrstr. 14 (on foot 10 minutes).

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