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GLOBAL IP Europe



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Our multinational team includes qualified European, German, UK and Japanese patent attorneys. We are in the advantageous position of providing a comprehensive global service with a focus on patent prosecution and enforcement in Europe.

International protection requires technical inventions to be filed in multiple states and differences in IP practices are a crucial factor in achieving adequate patent protection.

The cross-cultural interface at GIP Europe is experienced in handling international filings in various jurisdictions. We advise our clients on how to best prepare patent applications for world-wide coverage.

UNIQUE STRENGTHS

Our firm also has well-established connections to partner firms around the globe, with which we cooperate on a regular basis.

Global IP Europe is affiliated with the worldwide patent network of “United GIPs” which encompasses partner offices in Japan, USA, China, South Korea, the ASEAN countries, India and Brazil.

Enterprises are increasingly filing their domestic inventions internationally to access larger markets. We have the background and skills to meet this demand.



SERVICES AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

Our team is committed to efficient prosecution and defence of your IP rights in Europe. We handle patent rights at all stages, from initial application drafting and filing, prosecution in examination before the patent offices, up to representation for infringement actions.



COMPANY SPECIALISATION

- Drafting patent applications
- Filing and prosecuting patent applications before the German Patent 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, patent validity and collision)
- Prior art searches and the evaluation of patent portfolios

Given our multiple qualifications and language skills of the attorneys and paralegal back-office team with bilingual native speakers of German, English, and Japanese, we are uniquely suited to ensure that your inventions are processed effectively.

We look forward to supporting you in protecting your inventions.

DR. ANDREW HARDS

GERMAN, UK AND EUROPEAN PATENT ATTORNEY



Andrew Hards is a European patent attorney with both German and UK patent attorney qualifications. He graduated at the LMU-University of Munich in chemistry and polymer chemistry.

After studying in Sapporo, Japan, for half a year, he continued with his post-graduate research in Munich, thus attaining a Ph.D. in the field of single molecule laser spectroscopy. Mr. Hards founded the patent law firm Hards & Franke in 2008, before establishing Global IP Europe in 2012.

AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

- Chemistry with an emphasis on materials and organic chemistry
- Physics, including laser technology, optics and microscopy
- Nanotechnology applications
- Polymer chemistry
- Pharmaceuticals and medical devices

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

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

TOMOKO INAZUMI

JAPANESE, EUROPEAN AND GERMAN PATENT ATTORNEY



Tomoko Inazumi is a distinguished Japanese patent attorney, European patent attorney and German patent attorney. She is exceptional in holding all three qualifications. Ms. Inazumi attained B.S. and M.S. degrees in electrical engineering from Kobe University and began working as a systems engineer with Fujitsu Corporation. After starting her patent engineer career in 1993 in Japan, she expanded her experience as a patent practitioner in Europe in 2007.

She contributed to the establishment of Global IP Europe in 2009.

AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

- electronics, including computer programs, semiconductor materials, opto-electronics, flat panel displays, laser apparatuses, image processing, data input apparatuses, information apparatuses, air-conditioning apparatuses, electronic appliances, sensors and control circuits
- mechanics including weighing machines, packaging machines, automotive engineering, exhaust gas test stands and sealing devices.

Since 1993, Tomoko Inazumi has been handling the prosecution of patents and designs, including drafting applications, replying to official communications, oppositions and appeal cases. She also has experience in advising on patent and design filing strategy, patent disputes, as well as preparing expert opinions and contracts.

Her multi-cultural legal background has helped her when handling litigation and negotiation cases for world-wide patent families and when preparing contracts for companies having multiple business places around the world.

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 the 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.

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.

AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

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

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

YUKO UCHIYAMA

JAPANESE AND EUROPEAN 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.

In 2003, she started her career as a patent engineer in Tokyo and now has considerable 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, joined Global IP Europe in 2016, and qualified as a European patent attorney in 2022.

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.

KATHARINA BAUCH

GERMAN AND EUROPEAN PATENT ATTORNEY



Katharina Bauch studied food chemistry at the University of Münster and Technical University of Munich. Following a year at the State Investigation Office for Health Services in Southern Bavaria, she completed the second state examination in food chemistry in 1989.

Ms. Bauch is a German and European patent attorney with more than 20 years of professional experience in intellectual property rights.

Ms Bauch was a partner at the patent law firm, Koepe & Partners from 2001 to 2015. In 2017 she started working for Global IP Europe.

AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

- Inorganic chemistry
- Organic chemistry
- Pharmaceuticals
- Biochemistry
- Food chemistry
- Cosmetics

Ms. Bauch represents clients in patent grant, opposition, nullity and trademark and design law proceedings. Another focus of her work involves compiling expert opinions on patent validity as well as advice in patent infringement matters.

Ms Bauch is fluent in German and English.

KATARINA MARKOVIC-KÜNZEL
GERMAN PATENT ATTORNEY



Katarina Markovic-Künzel, German patent attorney, is a member of our chemistry group and specialises in patent prosecution, drafting applications and preparing FTO analyses. She also has experience in opposition and appeal proceedings before the European Patent Office. Katarina Markovic-Künzel works with our clients in various fields, including pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, homecare, and polymer materials.

Ms. Markovic-Künzel graduated in chemistry from Munich LMU university and then worked for three years as a scientific assistant in material science and physical chemistry before joining the chemistry patent team at GIP Europe as a German patent attorney.

She is fluent in German, English and Serbian.

Ms. Markovic-Künzel has in-depth knowledge about photovoltaic systems for green energy generation via hybrid perovskites and covalent organic frameworks.

AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

- synthetic organic chemistry
- solid state chemistry
- photovoltaics
- optical and structural characterization
- nanomaterials
- polymers
- pharmaceuticals
- cosmetic ingredients

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From the city centre take the S-Bahn to Isartor and then either take the tram 16 from Isartor to Maxmonument or walk directly from Isartor to Pfarrstr. 14 (on foot about 10 minutes).

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