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Biography

Anna-Katharina Friese specializes in all questions of patent law and the protection of trade secrets and know-how and has many years of experience in all types of patent litigation for international and national clients in the fields of telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, medical devices and mechanical engineering. One of her main areas of practice is patent litigation in infringement proceedings (main proceedings, preliminary injunction and inspection proceedings) before German infringement courts as well as in patent nullity proceedings before the Federal Patent Court and the Federal Supreme Court and opposition proceedings before the EPO. Her experience in managing and organizing parallel international patent disputes is particularly outstanding.

Although this has just currently moved a little further into the future, Anna is also discussing the new UPC and the European patent with uniform effect, particularly at present with regard to the strategic structure of the patent portfolio, should the new system come into force.

Her second focus besides patents concerns the protection and the judicial enforcement of know-how and trade secrets. She represents clients in court proceedings according to the German Trade Secret Protection Act if know-how or trade secrets have



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Languages

English

German

Practices

Intellectual Property

Patents

Trade Secrets and Confidential
Know-how

IP Litigation, Arbitration, and
Alternative Dispute Resolution

Industries

Technology and Telecoms

Areas of focus

actually been misused or stolen. However, to prevent the theft of trade secrets, she develops tailor-made protection concepts for national and international clients on how they can effectively and permanently protect their trade secrets.

Anna also advises on technology transactions and draft license, joint venture and research and development agreements.

Representative experience

Representing a Swedish engineering company in patent infringement proceedings and nullity proceedings relating to multiple patents in the field of mounting machines.

Representing one of Germany's largest retailers in patent infringement proceedings, e.g. regarding radio controlled watches and advice on their IP license agreements.

Representing one of the world's leading technology companies in patent infringement proceeding regarding shavers.

Representing an international medical company in patent infringement proceeding and advising on a draft of freedom-to-operate analysis.

Representing an airplane manufacturer in a preliminary injunction and patent vindication action.

Advising German and international engineering companies in connection with cooperation agreements and research and development agreements and license agreements.

Advising a Danish engineering company on technology purchase agreements.

Advising a wind energy unit manufacturer on several patent infringement cases and research and development and cooperation agreements.

Advising a large German consumer goods company on patent issues in particular with regard to the draft of freedom to operate analyses.

IP Rights in Transactions

IP Licensing, Commercialization, and Technology Transfer

Education and admissions

Education

Second State Exam in Law, Higher Regional Court of Hamburg, 2011

Accompanying Studies European Law, JMU Würzburg (Julius-Maximilians-Universität), 2008

First State Exam in Law, JMU Würzburg (Julius-Maximilians-Universität), 2008

Memberships

German Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (GRUR)

Association of Intellectual Property Experts (VPP)

Coordination of the parallel foreign proceedings in the field of placement technology for a Swedish engineering company.

Advising an airplane manufacturer regarding several technology transfer transactions

Representing several phone manufacturers in patent infringement and revocation actions

Representing computer manufacturer in patent infringement and revocation actions

Representing German engineering company in multinational patent infringement and revocation actions

Representing German engineering company in a proceeding regarding the theft of developments and trade secrets by a contract partner

Representing international finance company in a trade secret misappropriation action against a former employee

Awards and rankings

- Rising Star, *Managing Intellectual Property IP STARS*, 2018
- Rising Star for Patent Law, *Legal 500 Germany*, 2021
- Recommended lawyer for Patent Law: Dispute Resolution, *Legal 500 Germany*, 2022

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - Is your CTGT patent portfolio ready for the UPC?
- Webinar
 - Select IP with Hogan Lovells | Webinar no. 5 'Trade secrets: Overview of multi-jurisdictional trade secret protection (Part II)'
- News
 - Hogan Lovells Trade Secrets Toolkit - Effectively safeguard your trade secrets and confidential know-how
- Hogan Lovells Publications

- Hogan Lovells launches its Trade Secrets Toolkit
- Analysis
 - Global Trade Secrets Guide 2020
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells rings in the New Year with 30 promotions to partner and 47 promotions to counsel