

Dr. Anna-Katharina Friese-Okoro, Europajuristin (University of Würzburg)

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Biography

Anna-Katharina Friese-Okoro specializes in all matters of patent law and the protection of trade and business secrets or know-how and has meanwhile many years of experience with 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 litigation in patent infringement proceedings (main proceedings as well as 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 or opposition proceedings before the EPO. Her experience is particularly outstanding in the management and organization of parallel international patent litigation.

Anna is also well prepared to represent clients before the Unified Patent Court (UPC), which will come into force in 2023. She advises clients on issues related to the strategic structure of the patent portfolio in light of the new UPC system and the new unitary patent. Anna is part of our core team preparing Hogan Lovells for the launch of the new system and regularly publishes on the UPC.

In addition to patents, her second area of expertise concerns the protection and judicial enforcement of



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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

Areas of focus

know-how and trade secrets. In this regard, she not only represents clients in legal proceedings before German courts in cases of infringement of trade secrets, but also develops customized protection concepts for national and international clients on how to effectively and permanently protect their trade secrets.

In addition, she advises on technology transactions and the drafting of 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.

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)

Accolades

"Experienced litigator in
international patent disputes"

Competitor

" She makes clear strategic advice,
but is also always open to
intellectual sparring."

Client

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

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
- Recommended lawyer for IP - Trade Secrets, *Who's Who Legal Germany*, 2024

Latest thinking and events

- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises National Space Company on the acquisition of UP42 Satellite Geospatial Data Company from Airbus

- News
 - What is quantum computing and what's all the fuss about it?
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Myriad Genetics on reorganization of international business operations and sale of EndoPredict business
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells acting in three of the five most influential Unified Patent Court cases named by JUVE Patent
- Insights and Analysis
 - The rise of AI assets and what it means for intellectual property due diligence in M&A transactions
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