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Overview

About Moritz

Moritz Ammelburg, Ph.D., is a principal in the Munich office of Fish & Richardson P.C. Moritz is an imaginative life scientist holding a doctorate in biochemistry. His practice focuses on patent prosecution in the biotechnology and pharma areas based on his deep understanding of the architecture and function of small compounds as well as macromolecules. Having a special interest in the dynamic law governing supplementary protection certificates (SPCs), he coordinates the prosecution of several families of SPC applications across Europe. Additionally, Moritz passionately fights for his clients in opposition proceedings before the European Patent Office (EPO).

Focus Areas

Services

- Patent
- Post-Grant
- Patent Prosecution
- Unitary Patent and Unified Patent Court

Industries

- Academic Research and Medical Centers
- Chemicals
- Life Sciences

Education

Ph.D. *magna cum laude*, Biochemistry, University of Tuebingen (2011)

M.S., Biochemistry, Technical University of Munich (2006)

B.S., Biochemistry, Technical University of Munich (2003)

Experience

Selected Cases

Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. and Neufeind, Regina v. Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research – Represented Mayo Foundation in EPO opposition-appeal proceedings and defended European patent EP1234031. Patent was maintained including claim covering EMA approved therapeutic antibodies.

Pfizer Inc. and Merck Patent GmbH v. Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research – Represented Mayo Foundation in EPO opposition proceedings and defended European patent EP3052131. Patent was maintained as granted.

Ammelburg, Moritz v. Bruschetti S.r.l. – Represented Opponent in EPO opposition proceedings and challenged European patent EP3016654. Patent was revoked in its entirety in first instance.

James Poole Limited v. Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary – Represented Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary in EPO opposition proceedings and defended European patent EP2381936. Patent was maintained and protection of the clinical embodiments was secured.

Ammelburg, Moritz v. Roche Diagnostics GmbH and F. Hoffmann-La Roche AG – Represented Opponent in EPO opposition proceedings and challenged European patent EP3213085. Patent was maintained in significantly limited form.

Insights

Publications

- “Coordinating Patent Prosecution in the U.S. and Europe,” *Managing IP* (June 8, 2022)
- Fuchs ACD, Ammelburg M, Martin J, Schmitz RA, Hartmann MD, Lupas AN. Archaeal Connectase is a specific and efficient protein ligase related to proteasome β subunits. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA*. Mar 16;118(11) (2021)
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- Forouzan D, Ammelburg M, Hobel CF, Ströh LJ, Sessler N, Martin J, Lupas AN. The archaeal proteasome is regulated by a network of AAA ATPases. *J Biol Chem*. Nov 9;287(46):39254-62 (2012)
- Vogelmann J, Ammelburg M, Finger C, Guezzuez J, Linke D, Flötenmeyer M, Stierhof YD, Wohlleben W, Muth G. Conjugal plasmid transfer in *Streptomyces* resembles bacterial chromosome segregation by FtsK/SpoIIIE. *EMBO J*. Jun 1;30(11):2246-54 (2011)
- Ammelburg M, Hartmann MD, Djuranovic S, Alva V, Koretke KK, Martin J, Sauer G, Truffault V, Zeth K, Lupas AN, Coles M. A CTP-dependent archaeal riboflavin kinase forms a bridge in the evolution of cradle-loop barrels. *Structure*. Dec;15(12):1577-90 (2007)
- Alva V, Ammelburg M, Söding J, Lupas AN. On the origin of the histone fold. *BMC Struct Biol*. Mar 28;7:17 (2007)
- Ammelburg M, Frickey T, Lupas AN. Classification of AAA+ proteins. *J Struct Biol*. Oct;156(1):2-11 (2006)

Dissertation

- Ammelburg M. AAA proteins and the origins of proteasomal protein degradation. *University of Tuebingen* (June 2012)

Speaking Engagements

- “EPO Patent Prosecution Year in Review (for U.S. Practitioners)” *Berkeley Center for Law & Technology Presentation during Berkeley Law Intellectual Property and Tech Month* (May 17, 2022)
- “Best Practices in European and US Patent Law,” *Fish Patent Webinar* (May 12, 2022)
- “What You Need to Know About the EU Unitary Patent and Unified Patent Court,” *New York Intellectual Property Law Association (NYIPLA) Webinar* (April 26, 2022)
- “Managing Priority Between U.S. and European Patents: Minimizing Ownership, Same Invention, Scope, and Other Risks,” *Strafford Webinar* (July 29, 2021)
- “Coordinating Patent Prosecution in the U.S. and Europe,” *Fish Patent Webinar* (March 10, 2021)

Recognition

- Ph.D. scholarship, *Max Planck Society* (2007-2009)
- Member, *German National Academic Foundation* (2001-2006)
- Scholarship, *German Chemical Industry Fund* (2000-2002)

Languages

- English
- German