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Maura is a European Patent Attorney and a European Trade Mark Attorney, as well as a registered Patent and Trade Mark Agent in Ireland. She has considerable experience in general Intellectual Property practice, (Patents, Trade Marks and Designs) primarily in chemical and clinical fields, including broad experience in oral hearings, oppositions and appeals both at the European Patent Office and at the National Irish Patents Office.

Maura has been with FRKelly since 1987 and became a Life Sciences Partner in 1998. She handles the chemical, medical device, biotech and pharmaceutical work both at home and abroad for several of the larger indigenous Irish universities and companies. Specifically, most of her work relates to plant-related IP protection, food and veterinary medicine, small molecules and diagnostics protection. She also handles European work in the same space for international universities and companies.

She received a B.Sc. degree majoring in Biochemistry (1978) from University College Dublin and a Ph.D. in Biochemistry (1984) from the National University of Ireland. Her thesis explored the relationship between the response of human breast cancer patients to endocrine therapy and various biochemical and histological markers in the cancer sample itself, in order to identify a marker that would predict response to endocrine therapy.

Before joining the firm, she was subsequently involved in post-doctoral research work in the clinical/biochemical field. Her post-doctoral work was carried out in a clinical setting and involved co-ordinating, supervising and providing research laboratory support services for a large diabetology practice.

Maura takes an active interest in strategies around commercialisation of her client's Intellectual Property. She was also recently noted as a "key patent practitioner" in [Managing Intellectual Property IP Stars 2015 Handbook](#).

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