

Life Sciences



## Core strengths

Simmons & Simmons is recognised worldwide as a pre-eminent law firm for Life Sciences. Our international team advises many of the world's leading pharma, biotech, medical device and healthcare companies, including:

- many of the largest global pharmaceutical companies
- some of the world's fastest growing biotechs
- leading medical devices manufacturers
- private and public healthcare establishments and service providers
- household names in consumer healthcare.

The life sciences group comprises over 120 lawyers (many with bioscience and pharma law qualifications), dedicated sector analysts and external industry consultants.

Our lawyers are active members of, and frequently consulted by, industry associations around the world.

“Significant life sciences practice, characterised by the depth of its expertise.”

Chambers UK 2015

## Our services

Our life sciences group focuses on the following core areas:

### Patent expiry strategy

- Our fully integrated international team provides seamless cross jurisdictional advice on some of the highest profile patent cases in the sector, acting for Bayer, Eli Lilly, Merck and many others
- It is our policy not to act for generic manufacturers in relation to patent expiry / litigation

### Product liability

- Our French litigation practice has unrivalled experience. We have litigated pharmaceutical product liability claims in over 100 French courts and have invaluable insight into the views of judges and court appointed medical experts.

### Regulatory

- Clients call on our pan-European regulatory team for complex multi-jurisdictional advice, including regulatory compliance, pricing and reimbursement, and clinical trials

### Corporate transactions

- We have advised on some of the largest and most challenging corporate transactions world-wide and have developed a reputation for handling complex, innovative transactions such as the 'Acquisition IPO'.

### Competition law

- We advise on all aspects of merger control, restrictive agreements and abuse of dominance law
- We have advised several major pharmaceutical companies on issues relating to handling the sector inquiry, managing exposure to issues raised in it, and dealing with European Commission and national investigatory procedures

### Corporate crime

- We have the largest international corporate crime team of any City law firm, advising on anti-corruption, corporate crime, and crisis management

### Technology licensing, collaborations and consortia

- We have advised on some of the highest profile licensing and collaboration agreements in the life sciences sector across the US, Europe and Asia, including some funded under FP7 and Horizon2020

### Commercial support

- In addition to advising on the headline cases, we are also there for the day-to-day transactions. We offer assistance across Europe, the Middle East and Asia with:
  - clinical trial agreements
  - distribution and marketing agreements
  - relationships with healthcare professionals
  - medical advertising
  - pharmaceutical trade marks
  - pricing and reimbursement
  - human resources and employment law matters
  - IT and outsourcing
  - environmental
  - tax

Ranked as  
top tier by  
Legal 500 and  
Chambers

## IP Law Firm of the Year

Europe, Euromoney LMG Life  
Sciences Awards 2015

## Expertise in practice

### Pharmaceuticals

#### Bayer

- in litigation involving patents relating to Bayer's female oral contraceptive products in the UK, Germany and the Netherlands

#### Eli Lilly

- in patent revocation proceedings involving patents relating to olanzapine

#### GlaxoSmithKline

- in substantial litigation involving patents relating to two of GSK's biggest selling products, Seroxat and Seretide
- successful representation of GSK before the French Supreme Court in cases involving the Hepatitis B vaccine

#### Merck & Co

- in relation to one of the world's largest ever product liability cases

#### R-Pharm Group

- on the acquisition of a Pfizer production plant in Germany

#### Sanofi-Aventis

- on its US\$315m collaboration agreement with Kyowa Hakko Kirin

#### Takeda Europe

- in connection with various commercial agreements relating to the conduct of clinical trials, the marketing, promotion, supply and sale of pharmaceutical products and consultancy services

### Biotechnology

#### Ascendis Pharma

- on its global licensing and patent transfer agreement with Sanofi Aventis concerning Ascendis' proprietary TransCon Linker and Hydrogel carrier technology

#### Circassia

- The syndicate of underwriting banks on Circassia's £581m IPO on the London Main Market in March 2014, London's largest biotech flotation for decades

#### Cryo-Save

- advising Europe's largest adult stem cell storage bank on the secondary listing of its shares on Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext (alongside the company's listing on AIM)

#### Genmab

- on the US\$2.1bn licensing deal with GlaxoSmithKline for the exclusive global co-development and commercialisation of Genmab's fully human monoclonal antibody.

### Consumer health

#### Procter & Gamble

- assisted in setting up and negotiating clinical trial agreements for a large multicentre clinical study involving over 100 centres in 13 European countries

#### Reckitt Benckiser Healthcare

- advising on the distribution of one of the company's medicines in continental Europe, including drafting and reviewing distribution and logistics agreements

### Medical devices

#### 3M UK

- advising in proceedings relating to the multi-million dollar claim by Porton Capital and Ploughshare Innovations Limited in the Commercial Court

#### Becton, Dickinson & Company

- advising on the sale of Discovery Labware to Corning Inc.

#### CoreValve

- patent validity and infringement litigation against Edwards Life Sciences relating to catheter-delivered heart valve technology

#### Union MedTech plc

- on its acquisition of Rex Bionics Limited and £25.7m Placing and IPO

### Healthcare

#### Cygnit Health Care

- advising on banking and financing arrangements

#### Deutsche Wohnen AG

- advising on the acquisition of a nursing home portfolio from the LebensWerk group.

#### GHG

- advising the landlord of the UK's largest private hospital group ("BMI") with total liabilities exceeding £2bn.

#### Maison de Santé Protestante d'Alès – Clinique Bonnefon

- advising on the acquisition of a clinic involving public and private healthcare considerations

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