



Spain: Life Sciences at a glance

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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 biotech
- 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.

As part of this, our international Life Sciences group is a recognised leader in the global marketplace, known for our strength-in-depth and ability to provide clients with a proactive approach to life science law matters. This includes general day-to-day advice, corporate and M&A, dispute resolution, employment, tax, etc.

Our team

Our Madrid team of English qualified and Spanish lawyers have a deep understanding of the Spanish market and extensive experience advising Spanish and international clients in major industry sectors, such as life sciences, financial institutions, technology, media and telecommunications and energy & infrastructure.

We advise on all aspects of domestic and international legal matters, with particular expertise in relation to corporate and commercial, M&A, banking, financial services, capital markets, real estate finance, projects, dispute resolution, fraud and corporate criminal defence, insolvency and restructuring, employment, tax, EU and competition and intellectual property.

Our work

By working for 18 of the 20 largest global pharmaceutical companies, our international experienced team offers unrivalled understanding of this specialist market. Significant challenges face the sector, including falling R&D productivity coupled with increasing generic competition and parallel imports, a reduction in government healthcare budgets, closer regulatory and investor scrutiny, and an increasing focus on drug safety. In addition, fewer drugs are reaching blockbuster status to support company growth, which places an even greater emphasis on patent protection. This means that drug pipelines are increasingly reliant on product / company acquisitions, licensing and collaborations to maintain earnings and reduce portfolio risks.

Some of our experience

- Continuous advice to leading companies in the Spanish Life Science sector, such as, **GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), Novartis, Laboratorios Leti, Archroma AG, Alliance Healthcare, Vexim, St. Jude Medical (Abbott), Recipharm AB, IMS Health, Alcon Cusi, S.A.**, in relation to all their employment law related matters,

including, strategic employment matters such as executive terminations, businesses integration, corporate restructuring and insolvency, negotiation of collective agreements, collective dismissal, litigation, within others.

- Continuous corporate advice to **Fresenius Medical Care, Norgine, Terumo Europe**, including preparing contracts and implementing policies of interaction with Health Care Organizations and Health Care Professionals, drafting of all the corporate resolutions, assistance with data protection issues, etc.
- **US biological treatment manufacturer for rare diseases** – advice in the achievement of the necessary authorizations and interaction with healthcare professionals to monitor drugs, data protection matters, and generally assisting in the development of the company and with their launch in Spain.
- **A major pharmaceutical company** – advise in relation to one of the world's largest ever product liability cases.
- **Sinclair Pharma** – advice on its Italian and French acquisitions and its US licensing deal.
- **Takeda Europe** – advised 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.
- **Era Biotech** – advising and assisting Credit Agricole Private Equity on its acquisition of a stake in Era Biotech, a biotechnology company.
- **Pharmaceutical company (confidential)** – advising this company on Spanish

regulations issues concerning clinical trials, and distribution.

- **Abraxis** – regulatory advice with regards to marketing authorizations, manufacturing and pharmacovigilance requirements in Spain.
- **Insurance company (confidential)** – advising this company with regards to Spanish clinical trials liabilities.
- **Bayer** – preparation of overview on national legal options and threats for patents after successful EP opposition proceedings.
- **Becton Dickinson** – advising on the selling of its ophthalmological pan European division, and the post-selling integration of the employees.
- **A Clinical Research Operator (confidential)** – advising the company on daily basis and on an employment restructuring.

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