

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:

- 18 of the 20 largest global pharmaceutical companies
- some of the fastest growing biotechs
- leading medical devices manufacturers
- household names in consumer healthcare.

The life sciences group comprises over 100 lawyers (many with bioscience and pharma law qualifications), dedicated sector analysts and external industry consultants.

Our lawyers are active members of industry associations around the world.

Our services

Our life sciences group focuses on the following core areas:

Patent expiry strategy

- Since 2000 we have advised in connection with patent expiry of more than ten major drugs, including 3 of the top 5 sellers worldwide
- 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 regulatory team for complex multi-jurisdictional advice, including: regulatory compliance, pricing and reimbursement, and clinical trials

- Our leading regulatory practice advises on the full range of regulatory issues affecting medicines, medical devices, tissues/cells, foods and cosmetics

Corporate transactions

- Our top ranked Life Sciences corporate team acts on some of the highest profile transactions in the sector
- We have a dedicated US Securities law practice

Competition law

- We advise on all aspects of merger control, restrictive agreements and abuse of dominance law

Technology licensing

- We have advised on some of the highest profile licensing agreements in the life sciences sector across the US, Europe and Asia

Corporate crime

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

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
 - medical advertising
 - pharmaceutical trade marks
 - pricing and reimbursement
 - employment law matters
 - IT and outsourcing
 - environmental
 - tax

“This firm is heavily involved in cutting-edge international and domestic issues, and represents an impressive number of highly sophisticated life sciences clients.”...
Chambers UK 2009

Expertise in practice

Pharmaceuticals

EFPIA

- in the Bayer/Adalat parallel imports case in the European Court of Justice and before the Court of First Instance

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
- on the establishment of a multi million dollar R&D centre in China

Merck & Co

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

Sanofi-Aventis

- advising in connection with patent infringement proceedings concerning Plavix and revocation proceedings concerning another major product

Sinclair Pharma

- on its Italian and French acquisitions and its US licensing deal, and its listing on the London Main Market and Euronext

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

Alizyme

- from seed funding, through its AIM IPO, admission to the London Main Market and secondary fund-raising

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. This is the sector's largest ever licensing deal

TopoTarget

- advising on the acquisition of G2M Cancer Drugs AG, the German biotech, and on English law issues relating to TopoTarget's Danish IPO

Xenova

- advising on the recommended proposal by Celtic Pharma Development UK Plc to acquire Xenova Group plc by a scheme of arrangement for up to £26.1m

Medical devices

Alliance Medical

- on their £600m sale to Dubai International Capital

Becton, Dickinson & Company

- acting on a misleading advertising dispute connected with the ending of a long term supply relationship in Europe
- on their acquisition of Plasso Technology

CoreValve

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

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
- on the restructuring of Gillette divisions within the Netherlands, following the \$57bn acquisition

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

Financial institutions

Collins Stewart

- as Nomad to Medicsight on its placing and admission to AIM

Piper Jaffray

- in relation to Vectura's £45m placing on AIM
- on Vectura's £130m acquisition of Innovata

SRPE

- advising on an innovative hedge fund deal with Oxford University

Ranked as top tier by Legal 500 and Chambers Guide

Key international contacts

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