

Life Sciences and Biotech capabilities

About Fieldfisher

Fieldfisher is a European law firm providing commercial solutions across a range of industry sectors. We have a particular focus on companies that are highly regulated and those with intellectual property and technology driven business models. The firm has over 150 partners, 240 other lawyers and nearly 300 support staff across offices in Brussels, Hamburg, Paris, London, Munich, Manchester, Palo Alto and Shanghai.

Life Sciences and Healthcare is a key sector the firm focuses on and we work with clients at all stages of innovation – from bench to bedside. Clients range from small biotech companies through to large pharmaceuticals.

Many of our lawyers are ranked individuals, and have academic backgrounds in science and engineering as well as invaluable practical experience of working in these fields. Within the Cell Therapy sector one of our lawyers is a member of the Cell Therapy and Regenerative Medicine Industry Group within the BioIndustry Association, and another sits as a legal assessor for the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority

Corporate & Finance

We advise our life sciences clients on a large range of corporate matters, from setting up and running of a business entity through to how best to structure a transaction such as joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, restructurings and disposals. We are able to advise clients on the various stages of their financing, from raising start-up capital to venture capital funding. We advise on strategic investments, listings and secondary fund raisings on AIM and the London Stock Exchange.

Life Sciences Transactions and Commercialisation, Protection and Enforcement of IP

We advise and draft many forms of IP agreements for companies in both the pharma and biotech spheres, from manufacturing, research and development agreements, through to revenue-sharing agreements and assignment documentation. We also help clients negotiate the regulatory hurdles that come with trying to advertise and market products in these fields.

We provide advice on the full range of IP rights. IP management is a key tool in building a business in this sector and our leading IP team can ensure that clients have the most appropriate level of protection to enable them to exploit their products and have an effective IP strategy in place to enforce freedom to operate. The disputes we deal with are varied and range from major patent and licence disputes through to disputes about the scope, extent and infringement of rights.

We have extensive experience in the drafting, negotiation and practical implementation of commercial patent agreements. We can also monitor the activities of our clients' main competitors through the use of patent information. The fact that the group includes a number of lawyers with scientific degrees in developmental biology and biochemistry has placed us in a unique position to advise companies in the life sciences sector.

Regulatory

We regularly advise on the specific regulations applicable to this sector, from issues with marketing authorisations, clinical trial regulation, compliance and anti-bribery, to the requirements imposed by REACH. We often support the development of new ideas and technology by exploring regulatory considerations, whether they are research licences in embryology and fertility work, the EU directives relating to tissue and cell products intended for human application or essential standards of quality and safety in care homes and clinics.

Clients call us to discuss raising regulatory or compliance issues with the regulators. We also advise those who may wish to challenge regulatory frameworks or decisions via judicial review and statutory appeals.

Data Protection and Privacy

Our Privacy and Information Law Group is listed as one of the top 10 privacy law practices in the world by Computerworld. Our practice is consistently top ranked for data protection in the independent legal directories, including Chambers and Legal 500.

Our lawyers have specialist knowledge across all areas of data protection, freedom of information, information sharing, confidentiality and human rights law. We carry out data protection audits, devise e-privacy strategies, draft privacy policies, rules and guidelines, advise on dealings with individuals, data protection authorities and other regulatory agencies, international data transfers as well as contentious privacy issues.

Our market-leading team of data protection specialists can ensure that a client's data security and privacy policies are effective, compliant and business enabling, particularly in developing areas such as e-health and m-health.

A selection of our clients

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"Alison Dennis well regarded as an expert on the regulatory framework concerning medical devices. She takes the lead in guiding key clients through the steps required to bring their products to market."

**Quotation from
Chambers 2013**

"Alison Dennis heads the [Life Sciences] practice and is known as an "exceptionally bright and personable figure" who commands "a great understanding of her clients" business needs"

**Quotation from
Chambers 2012**

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