



LIFE SCIENCES FACT SHEET

In the fast-moving and competitive field of life sciences, effective legal support is essential. Our award-winning life sciences practice provides comprehensive, business-oriented advice to biotech, pharmaceutical and medical device clients.

Our life sciences team is led by highly ranked professionals who have for decades advised companies in the biotech, pharmaceutical, diagnostics, veterinary and healthcare sectors. Some of our lawyers have gained in-house experience and many hold technical degrees in fields such as Chemistry, Biochemistry, Biochemical Engineering, Biology, Veterinary Sciences and Natural Sciences.

We act for businesses at all stages of their life-cycle and our clients include global pharmaceutical companies, larger plcs and SMEs, together with research organisations and universities.

With our head office in the City of London, five UK regional offices including Oxford and Cambridge and an office in San Francisco, we combine international experience with regional access.

The team boasts lawyers who have practised in Europe and the US and hold professional qualifications in other jurisdictions. The team includes fluent French, German, and Russian speakers.

Our membership of the Multilaw and European Law Group networks gives us access to top quality legal advice in the USA and all other major jurisdictions.

'Life Sciences Law Firm of the Year in England'



OUR SERVICES

Commercial

- strategy and advice in all areas of intellectual property, including patents, trade secrets, database rights, copyright, and trademarks and designs
- IP and commercial agreements including technology transfer, licensing, research, collaboration, consultancy, confidentiality, master services, clinical trial and clinical collaboration, joint venture, and manufacture and supply agreements
- standard terms and conditions of supply, distribution and purchase agreements
- strategy and advice concerning digital business and data protection

Regulatory

- strategy and advice in regulatory and competition matters, advertising and promotion, paediatric and orphan drugs legislation
- clinical trials
- regulatory data licensing
- data protection
- registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of Chemicals (REACH), Pesticides and Biocides

Corporate

- corporate and business disposals and acquisitions
- equity/venture capital funding transactions
- due diligence
- share option schemes
- tax including R&D tax credits and the 'patent box'

Dispute resolution

- commercial and IP dispute resolution including patent litigation, arbitration, and mediation



REPRESENTATIVE TRANSACTIONS

- advising **Rayner Group** on its acquisition of Moorfields Pharmaceuticals from the Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- advising **King's College London** on its exclusive licensing agreement with Pfizer Inc for the development of a series of adeno-associated virus gene therapy vectors
- advising on the UK aspects of the sale of **Akarna Therapeutics Ltd**, to Allergan for a deal consideration of \$50 million plus milestone payments
- advising **Veryan Holdings** on its £18 million Series B funding led by Imperial Innovations and supported by Invesco Asset Management, Seroba Kernel and Seven Mile Capital, to develop Veryan's 3D stent technology
- acting for **Adaptimmune** on its multi-million US\$ strategic collaboration and licensing agreement with GlaxoSmithKline for the development and commercialisation of its clinical cancer programme
- advising **NeRRe Therapeutics Limited** on its £23 million Series B funding round co-led by new investor Fountain Healthcare Partners, Forbion Capital Partners and OrbiMed. Existing investors Advent Life Sciences and Novo A/S also participated.
- advising **Owen Mumford** on the successful defence of a patent infringement claim brought in the Patents County Court. The patent was invalidated and the product held non-infringing
- acting for **Orca Pharmaceuticals** on its three year collaboration with AstraZeneca to develop inhibitors of retinoic acid-related orphan nuclear receptor gamma (RORg)

WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT US

■ ■ The patent practitioners at transactional titan Penningtons Manches deploy their keen commercial instincts and deep sectoral knowledge to superb effect. The southeast is their natural stomping ground, thanks to offices in London, Basingstoke, Cambridge, Guildford, Oxford and Reading; but their patrons hail from all corners of the world.

[IAM Patent 1000 – The World's Leading Patent Practitioners 2016](#)

■ ■ Impressive IP practice acting for life sciences businesses, universities and their spin-offs... Recommended for litigation as well as licence and research agreements.

[Chambers 2017](#)

■ ■ Throughout the transaction process, we were able to rely on timely and effective guidance from the Penningtons Manches team and would like to thank them for their support on this important strategic milestone for our business.

[Cepta Kelly, legal director at Rayner Group, 2016](#)

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