

# WHO'S WHO LEGAL

LIFE SCIENCES 2008

ANALYSIS • ARTICLES • DIRECTORY • CORPORATE COUNSEL MOVES • PRIVATE PRACTICE MOVES • CONFERENCE DIARY



*The Official Research Partner of the  
International Bar Association*



**ABA Section of  
International Law**  
*Your Gateway to International Practice*

*Strategic Research Partner of the ABA  
Section of International Law*



**THE QUEEN'S AWARDS  
FOR ENTERPRISE  
2006**

## ANALYSIS

THE INTERNATIONAL WHO'S  
WHO OF LIFE SCIENCES  
LAWYERS 2008

*Most highly regarded individuals*

**IAN DODDS-SMITH**

*Arnold & Porter LLP  
London*

**TREVOR COOK**

*Bird & Bird LLP  
London*

**KATE MURASHIGE**

*Morrison & Foerster LLP  
San Diego*

**STEPHEN SINGER**

*Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP  
New York*

**RICHARD KINGHAM**

*Covington & Burling LLP  
Washington DC*

**ROWAN FREELAND**

*Simmons & Simmons  
London*

**JOHN WILKINSON**

*Reed Smith Richards Butler  
London*

**PETER SAFIR**

*Covington & Burling LLP  
Washington DC*

**PIERRE VÉRON**

*Véron & Associés  
Paris*

**WOLFGANG VON MEIBOM**

*Bird & Bird  
Dusseldorf*

This marks the first time Who's Who Legal has specifically focused on life sciences law. The high levels of activity in this sector and resultant interest among law firms in pharmaceutical and bioscience law prompted us to research the area in greater depth.

This publication gathers together practitioners from a range of legal fields. Several experts in intellectual property are identified, along with those who specialise in regulatory, competition and corporate work as well as product liability defence matters. Many of the featured lawyers also have a scientific qualification alongside their legal credentials, and the individuals we feature represent clients such as bioscience companies, research-based and generic drugs companies, hospitals, research institutions and biotechnology companies.

Over the next few pages we will highlight the firms with the strongest presence in this area, and the individuals who lead in the field of life sciences law.

**LEADERS IN IP**

Bird & Bird's formidable reputation for intellectual property law precedes it – the firm is a previous winner of Who's Who Legal's 'Trademarks Law Firm of the Year' award – so it is no surprise to see it so well represented in this edition. Fourteen partners are included from six jurisdictions, with two among the most highly regarded worldwide. The firm has an integrated international life sciences group, and recent engagements have included advising European pharmaceutical company Archimedes Pharma on its acquisition of Link Holdings as well as successfully representing Allergan in its dispute with Klein Becker over the Botox brand. **Trevor Cook** is three time winner and current holder of Who's Who Legal's 'Patent Lawyer of the Year' award, and he leads a contingent of five from the London office. With a degree in chemistry, he "truly

understands the issues and is a real asset to his clients". His expertise in both the regulatory and IP spheres is "of the very highest class", and he takes a place among the most highly regarded individuals worldwide. He is joined in our book by four further colleagues from the UK capital, and each was picked out for their "uniformly excellent" IP work in this sector. **Neil Jenkins**, **Gerald Kamstra** and **Morag Macdonald** all build on their previous selection in *The International Who's Who of Patent Lawyers*, and they are joined by **Sally Shorthose**, who has been at Bird & Bird since 2006. A former legal director of Novartis UK and senior legal adviser at ICI/Zeneca, she brings "valuable insight to a range of issues". Elsewhere in Europe, the "immensely well-known and widely respected" **Wolfgang von Meibom** in Düsseldorf appears; he joins Cook on our shortlist of elite life sciences lawyers. His "outstanding technical expertise" in biotech and pharmaceutical related patent cases was repeatedly drawn to our attention. From the same office, **Ina vom Feld** was praised for her regulatory and her IP work. The firm's office in Milan is "particularly fine for this type of work", and three partners appear in the following pages, led in the voting by the founding partner of the Milan office **Massimiliano Mostardini**. Bird & Bird's impressive European presence is underlined by the inclusion of **Bruno Vandermeulen**, who was picked out for his "first-class technical knowledge".

The firm also performed strongly in our Asia research. Beijing-based **Grace Chen**'s pharmaceutical IP work earns her a place among the leading lawyers in China, while Bird & Bird is also the only firm with multiple representatives in the Hong Kong list. **Matthew Laight** is managing partner of the Hong Kong and Beijing offices, and was picked out for contentious work as well as commercial agreements relating to clinical trials, joint promotion, marketing and development. Alongside him, **Alison Wong**'s

contentious practice also drew praise from our sources.

Howrey LLP is another firm with a formidable IP pedigree – it is the current holder of our 'Patent Law Firm of the Year' award and is recognised worldwide for its "outstanding depth of knowledge" and the "uniform excellence of its lawyers" in this field. This translates into a similarly strong showing in this book: 11 partners are featured in five countries across Europe. In recent years the firm has successfully represented Boston Scientific in a patent infringement case against Medtronic, as well as Monsanto in separate patent disputes with Bayer CropScience and Syngenta Seeds. **Benoit Strowel** is head of the European IP practice and one of three partners from Brussels that we identify. An "outstanding" patent litigator, Strowel represented Bayer and Talecris in a multi-jurisdictional dispute against Baxter, as well as successfully representing Abbott Laboratories in a patent dispute against a series of generic producers. **Maarten Meulenbelt** was repeatedly commended for his competition and regulatory work, and has represented Pfizer, MSD, AstraZenica and Altana Pharma in recent years. Howrey boasts an even larger contingent in our London list, where **Mark Hodgson** is the most highly recommended of four Howrey partners. He was praised for his "phenomenally good" counsel to pharmaceutical, medical device and biotechnology clients in patent cases, and his regulatory, product liability and parallel importation expertise was also noted. The London office was strengthened by the January 2008 lateral hire of **Marjan Noor** from Taylor Wessing, who was highly commended in both patent and regulatory spheres. The "legendary" **Willem Hoyng** is managing partner of Howrey in Europe and one of the Netherlands' most highly regarded individuals. He is joined by highly rated patent litigator **Bart van den Broek**. **Joachim Feldges** gives the firm a presence in the Germany research, where he is "particularly well thought of; clients love him," and **Marina Cousté** is among the most highly rated life sciences lawyers in France.

Covington & Burling LLP matches Howrey's figures: 11 partners make the grade. Lawyers

from the firm's life sciences industry group have represented a coalition of vaccine and drug manufacturers in legislative proceedings, assisted trade associations in negotiating new legislation to govern emerging technologies and handled transactions for pharmaceutical and biotechnology clients such as Abbott Laboratories, AstraZeneca, GlaxoSmithKline, Pfizer, Merck and Wyeth.

The majority of the firm's contingent is based in the DC office. Senior counsel **Peter Barton Hutt** was chief counsel for the Food and Drug Administration from 1971 to 1975, and while at the FDA he drafted the legislation that became the

**Howrey LLP is another firm with a formidable IP pedigree – it currently holds our patent law firm of the year award**

Medical Device Amendments of 1976. He was also involved in the drafting of most of the major legislation amending the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. "Very well known with a huge reputation", Hutt is considered to be "one of the leading regulatory lawyers in the country" by our sources. **Peter Safir** is co-chairman of the firm's food and drug practice group and a "terrific regulatory lawyer". He has represented clients such as Johnson & Johnson and Pfizer in the obtaining of pediatric exclusivity and he is also known for his work relating to internal investigations for clients as well as the defence of enforcement actions in the marketing and manufacturing areas. Alongside him, **Ellen Flannery** also

co-chairs the group, and is "absolutely top tier" in the eyes of her peers; "her FDA related work is of the highest class". The "profoundly impressive" **John Hurvitz** co-chairs the life sciences industry group from the DC office, where fellow nominee **Ethan Posner** practises. **James Snipes** in California is also "very highly thought of".

Covington & Burling serves as national coordinating counsel for Hoffmann-La Roche and the Consumer Healthcare Products Association, among others, in product liability litigation and the "brilliant" **Richard Kingham's** skills in this area were repeatedly brought to our attention. He has acted for most of the major pharmaceutical manufacturers and biotechnology companies in the United States and Europe, as well as various trade associations, and was commended by our UK sources for his work on behalf of a US medical device manufacturer in successful litigation in the English High Court. Covington also gains two listings in the London research. **Anne Ware's** product liability work was repeatedly recommended, while **James Beery** is senior of counsel to the firm and offers clients the benefit of his expertise as former senior vice president and general counsel of GlaxoSmithKline. The Brussels office provides two more names for our list; **Peter Bogaert** is a "regulatory guru under both EC and national laws", while **David Hull** is head of the EU competition practice and regarded as the "best in Belgium for IP and competition matters" – he has represented clients such as Eli Lilly, Procter & Gamble, AstraZeneca, Gilead Sciences and GPC Biotech in the past.

The ten featured partners from Lovells mark it out as a top ranking firm in this area, with clients ranging from large pharmaceutical companies to medical device companies and investment banks and private equity houses investing in the sector. Commended for both contentious and non-contentious work, the firm gains listings in six countries throughout Europe. Three are based in London, with the "very strong" **John Meltzer** among the most highly regarded individuals in the area. Head of the firm's product liability team, he acted for the leading manufacturer of the MMR vaccine in the defence of an English

reflected by the presence of four partners in the DC listing. **Robert Brady** is an "extraordinary attorney" and co-director of the pharmaceutical and biotechnology group. **Jonathan Kahan** holds a similar position in the food, drug, medical device, and agriculture group and is a "five-star lawyer" and an "FDA guru". **Edward Korwek** is co-director of the life sciences group and is also well regarded.

Regulatory boutique Hyman Phelps & McNamara is another firm capable of supplying "in-depth and extraordinarily high-quality FDA advice". The firm's presence in this publication is led in the voting by two named partners. **Paul Hyman** is "still the main man" in the eyes of our sources, and **James Phelps** was also much recommended.

Kaye Scholer LLP's **Leora Ben-Ami** is a "responsible attorney and a valuable ally", her IP litigation practice earning recognition as one of five featured partners from the New York office – a contingent numerically unmatched by any other firm. Companies such as AstraZeneca, Baxter International, GlaxoSmithKline and Pfizer have looked to Dechert LLP for counsel in the past, and its quintet is split between the US and France. **Diane Sullivan** in New Jersey impressed respondents with her product liability litigation practice, and co-managing partners of the Paris office **Alain Decombe** and the "very well recognised" **Jonathan Schur** both gained inclusion in the France section. Schur counts Allergan, Wyeth, Merck and Pfizer among his clients.

All five partners from Cooley Godward Kronish LLP on our list are based in California – a contingent greater than any other firm in the state. National head of the life sciences practice **Barbara Kosacz** is a "stand-out lawyer". Alongside her in the Palo Alto office **Bob Jones** was strongly recommended and hailed as a "class above in terms of reputation and experience".

#### EUROPE

UK firm Simmons & Simmons is one of the leading figures in the European research, and its representation also extends to Asia. The firm works for three-quarters

of the 20 largest global pharmaceutical companies, and counts GSK, Sinclair Pharma, Alliance Medical and Procter & Gamble Pharmaceuticals among its clients. Four of its seven listed lawyers are based in London, with **Rowan Freeland** earning a place among the most highly respected individuals in the world. His intellectual property practice is "the envy of many", particularly on the contentious side; he represented GSK in two successful applications for interim injunctions, three full appeals and three interim appeals, as well as assisting in the coordination of parallel litigation in several European countries. Freeland is "rightly recognised as one of the principle authorities in the field". His colleague **Kevin Mooney** is also renowned for his IP work on behalf of GSK supervising patent expiry issues relating

## Ogilvy Renault LLP leads in Canada, six of its lawyers appear in our book

to Seroxat and acting for the company in patent proceedings relating to *Advair/Seretide*. **Jacques-Antoine Robert** is "one of the leading authorities in France" recognised for his regulatory, transactional and litigation work – his product liability contentious work stood out. With further representation in Italy and in Hong Kong through the recently relocated **Charles Mayo**, Simmons & Simmons can boast a "truly impressive breadth and depth of knowledge".

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer is similarly well represented in the European research, with six partners listed. **Peter Hendrick** is one of the most heavily nominated individuals in the Dutch research with sources commenting on his "extremely effective" patent litigation. The "incredibly bright" **Peter Chrocziel** heads the firm's patent litigation practice in Germany and is

similarly well regarded, and he is joined by "rising star" **Frank-Erich Hufnagel** who was commended on both the contentious and non-contentious sides. The firm's presence is bolstered by two nominees in the Austria research, while **Justin Watts** in London is well regarded for his international patent litigation and counts Abbott Laboratories and Texas Instruments among his clients.

Allen & Overy LLP, another member of the UK Magic Circle, earns five places on our European lists. **Colleen Keck** and **Nicola Dagg** in the London office are highly rated, and **Pierre Lenoir** is a "first-class patent litigator" based in Paris, where he appears alongside **Olivier Freget**. **Marta Sendrowicz** represents the firm in the Poland section of our book. Taylor Wessing LLP is another firm with a quintet of European leaders. **Wolfgang Rehmann** is "one of the most respected experts in Germany", and he is joined by four partners from A&O's London office. **Simon Cohen's** patent litigation work for clients such as Amgen, Johnson & Johnson and Merck Generics drew praise; **James Marshall** was viewed as a "top-notch IP lawyer".

Elsewhere in Europe, **Pierre Véron** of Véron & Associés "sets the benchmark" with his "fantastic patent work in this field", and **Constant van Nispen** of De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek leads the Dutch research with an equally impressive IP pedigree. **Peter-Ulrik Plesner** holds a "unique position" at the head of the Danish research, and "must be on any list of the top lawyers on the continent", and **Rainer Hilli** dominates the Finnish research as one of two featured partners from Roschier, Attorneys Ltd. Staying in Scandinavia, **Ulf Dahlgren** of RydinCarlsten Advokatbyrå AB is "very skilled in this area" and stands out in Sweden.

#### CANADA AND WORLDWIDE

The Canadian legal market provides 28 individuals for our list. The leading firm is Ogilvy Renault LLP with six lawyers in our book, and was praised for its work across the IP, commercial, employment and disputes sectors. The firm represented Atrium Innovations in the sale of two divisions to AXA Private Equity for over US\$166 million