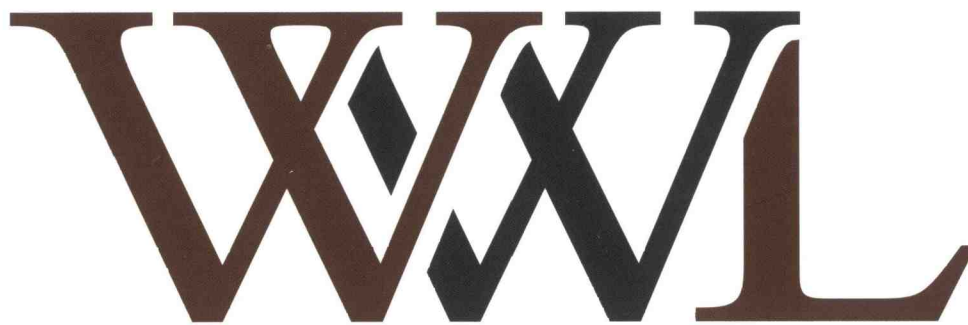


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The French Competition Authority announced a pharma sector inquiry in February 2013 to address the cost of prescription medicines for social security, the high prices of non-reimbursable medicines and the low level of generic competition in France. As such, there has been a strong focus on pricing and reimbursement issues. Litigation in the life sciences industry has also been active with patent litigators and product liability defence specialists seeing a strong volume of work. We list 38 lawyers in this chapter, experts in patent litigation, product liability defence, and regulatory and transactional matters.

Hogan Lovells leads the research with a total of four listings in this chapter.

Thomas Rouhette heads the French dispute resolution practice and is “phenomenal” in product liability cases relating to the life sciences sector. **Cécile Derycke** is the coordinator of the Paris office’s life sciences group and heads the Paris life sciences litigation team. She is “well regarded” in the market and earns praise for her “strategic approach”.

Dominique Ménard is a “talented patent litigator” with extensive experience in the pharmaceutical industry. **Mikael Salmela** deals with strategic agreements in the life sciences sector and is “highly knowledgeable” on regulatory matters.

Three names are recommended from Allen & Overy. **Laëtitia Bénard** is one of the most highly regarded practitioners in our research. Co-head of the firm’s life sciences group, she handles patent litigation, product liability cases, regulatory issues and contracts. **Olivier Fréget** is co-head of the global antitrust group and has extensive experience in the pharma sector. He is known for advising on “cutting-edge” issues and for being “very user-friendly”. **Pierre Lenoir** is “greatly respected” by peers for his “depth of expertise” in the life sciences field.

Véron & Associés achieves three listings including **Pierre Véron**, a “renowned” patent litigator with significant expertise in the life sciences sector. **Sabine Agé** advises clients in the medical devices and pharmaceuticals sectors on patent ownership, validity and infringement. **Isabelle Romet** is known for representing pharmaceutical clients in “high-profile” patent litigation cases.

Simmons & Simmons garners three inclusions in this chapter. **Jacques-Antoine Robert** acts for pharma companies in relation to regulatory matters, transactions and disputes involving commercial or liability issues. **Michèle Anahory** earns praise for her

“thorough understanding” of health care regulatory matters including market access, pricing and reimbursement, advertising and distribution channels. She regularly represents clients in litigation before the French courts. **Alexandre Regniault** is “a definite inclusion” according to our sources. His practice focuses on dispute resolution on behalf of life sciences companies in relation to product liability, breach of contract and regulatory matters.

Three lawyers are also selected for inclusion at Dechert. Managing partner of the Paris office **Alain Decombe** advises on transactions in the life sciences sector and is known for his “commercial-oriented manner”. **Anne-Laure Marcerou** has extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions and regulatory law. Her significant work includes representing the shareholders of a French biotechnology company in the sale of 100 per cent of the shares of the company to a French pharmaceutical company. The “superb” **Emmanuelle Trombe** is commended for her transactional work for clients in the life sciences industry.

Paule Drouault-Gardrat of PDG Avocats has over 30 years’ experience in contentious and non-contentious regulatory, IP and product liability matters.

Founding partner **Christophe Henin** of Intuity is “renowned” for his work in the health and pharmaceutical sectors.

At August & Debouzy, **Grégoire Desrousseaux** specialises in patent litigation and opposition proceedings and has considerable expertise in the health and biotech industries.

Reed Smith’s **Marina Cousté** is an IP litigator with “remarkable expertise” in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology fields.

Alain Gorny of LexCase dedicates his practice to health products and manufacturers assisting with regulatory,

market access and product liability matters.

Bird & Bird’s **Yves Bizollon** is “well reputed” for his patent litigation on behalf of clients in the pharmaceutical industry.

CMS Bureau Francis Lefebvre is represented by **Bernard Geneste**, a “true expert” in life sciences and health law particularly in relation to regulatory matters.

Thierry Mollet-Vieville of Duclos Thorne Mollet-Vieville et Associés is an IP “specialist” who garners high praise from peers for his “strong command of this area of law”.

De Gaulle Fleurance & Associés fields **Jean-Marie Job**, a “terrific” lawyer specialising in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology fields. An area of particular expertise is data privacy in personal health data.

Valérie Ravit at Bouckaert Ormen Passemard Sportes represents major insurance and pharmaceutical companies in relation to product liability matters.

At Field Fisher Waterhouse, **Olivier Lantès** leads the regulatory and life sciences group in the Paris office. His practice covers clinical trials, product advertising and liability matters.

LMT Avocats’ **Olivier Samyn** is noted for his expertise in comparative advertising of health products and drug promotion law, with peers describing him as the “go-to lawyer” in this field.

At Norton Rose Fulbright, head of the French and European competition law department **Mélanie Thill-Tayara** specialises in the pharmaceuticals and medical devices sectors. She has been involved in landmark cases in relation to dominance abuse in the pharma sector.

Denis Monégier du Sorbier at Hoyng Monegier focuses on IP litigation and represents a number of multinational and national companies in the life sciences and medical equipment sectors.

At her own firm, **Isabelle Lucas-**

Baloup is a health law “expert”. She advises doctors, their unions, institutions of public and private providers, manufacturers and distributors of medical devices and laboratories.

LCH’s **Laure Le Calvé** has devoted her practice to life sciences law for almost 20 years. She advises the health industry, food and cosmetics businesses on contract negotiation and litigation matters.

Etienne Gouesse at Viguié Schmidt Peltier Juvigny is known for her “sensational practice” in the sector. Clients praise her “diligent and incisive mind”.

At White & Case, **Jean-Paul Tran Thiet** heads the Paris EU, antitrust and regulatory practice. He is particularly knowledgeable in the pharmaceuticals industry.

Thibault Reymond at new boutique Dethomas Peltier Kopf Juvigny garners high praise for his knowledge of the life sciences sector.

Sebastien Pradeau at Savin Martinet Associés “commands respect” in the legal market. He previously worked in-house at Medtronic and has “vast experience” in the life sciences industry.

Reed Smith’s **Daniel Kadar** has a broad practice encompassing compliance and regulatory issues for the life sciences industry, product liability and contract matters.

At Cabinet Schertenleib, **Denis Schertenleib** concentrates his practice on multijurisdictional patent litigation in the life sciences field. He also advises on technology licensing and regulatory law in the pharmaceutical sector.



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Admitted to the Paris Bar in 1994, Sabine Agé gained experience in the various intellectual property fields (patents, trademarks, designs), before dedicating herself exclusively to patent litigation when she became a partner of Véron & Associés at the creation of the firm in 2001.

Véron & Associés is a law firm of 14 lawyers, assisted by two scientific consultants, an economic litigation consultant, a graphic designer and translators, dealing exclusively with patent litigation for French and international clients.

Sabine handles standard related cases in the multimedia systems and telecommunications fields and has acted on behalf of an international telecommunications manufacturer for the French part of a worldwide cross-border patent litigation. She is also active in cases relating to pharmaceuticals, chemicals and medical instruments, for international and domestic industry-based clients as well as research organisations. She deals with legal issues extending from contractual disputes, patent ownership (and co-ownership) to validity and infringement.

Sabine lectures on patent litigation at the International Centre of Intellectual Property Studies (CEIPI) in Strasbourg and at the universities of Lyon and Montpellier, in addition to her speaking engagements for conferences.

Sabine Agé is an active member of the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI) and secretary to the European Patent Lawyers Association (EPLAW). She is also a member of IPO and AIPLA through Véron & Associés.

Véron & Associés maintains close relationship with top-tier independent law firms in other jurisdictions, which can handle parallel proceedings in multi-jurisdictional cases.

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Valérie Ravit is a partner of the law firm Bouckaert Ormen Passemard Sportes, which is widely known as BOPS and his one of the leading law firm in France when it comes to product liability, insurance and reinsurance.

After graduating from Institut d'Etudes Politique de Paris (Sciences Po) and obtaining a master's in business law from the University of La Sorbonne in Paris, Valérie became a member of the Paris Bar in 2001. Her activity is focused in the areas of product liability, industrial risks, environmental liability, insurance and reinsurance.

Valérie acts for leading companies in sensitive product liability and life sciences litigation. In particular, she acts for large pharmaceutical companies in relation to individual claims but also in large mass claims. Representative matters includes advising and representing a European pharmaceutical company in dozens of lawsuits arising out of the use of a drug and representing a pharmaceutical company in a multi-jurisdiction litigation involving the use of a vaccine. Valérie recently secured a landmark favourable judgment on a life sciences issue, in which the Paris Court of Appeal rejected the repartition of the loss between manufacturers on the basis of the market shares theory.

Valérie regularly publishes on current evolution of French law regarding product liability and life sciences. She also actively contributes to current debates in France on environmental liability and work in close connection with the business associations regarding this issue. Recent publications include: "Prestateurs de services de santé: quelle responsabilité?", *Décideurs: Stratégie*, guide santé pharma, 2012; "Réflexions sur le destin du préjudice écologique "pur"", *Dalloz*, 2012, 22 Novembre 2012, p 2675; "Préjudice écologique: une proposition de loi dangereuse", *Argus de l'assurance*, 26 juin 2012; "Les assises du médicament: la suite", *Décideurs: Stratégie Finance Droit* – Oct 2011; "Actualité de la responsabilité civile environnementale", *Décideurs*, No 130, Sept 2011; "Produits de santé et responsabilité: l'évolution des règles de preuve", *Décideurs: Stratégie Finance Droit* – Jan 2011; "L'impact de la LRE sur les risques environnementaux", *Décideurs Stratégie Finance Droit*, No 113; "La cour d'appel de

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Isabelle Romet is entirely dedicated to patent litigation, as are the 13 other lawyers of the firm. Admitted to the Bar in 1988, she began working with Pierre Véron immediately afterwards. She is a co-founder of the firm Véron & Associés in 2001, with Pierre Véron, Thomas Bouvet and Sabine Agé.

Her practice focuses on patent validity and infringement in most technical areas, especially in complex technological fields and in an international context. A team player, she points out the importance of the firm's scientific consultants who assist the lawyers to build a strong technical reasoning and design the best visual aids with the in-house graphic designer. The economic litigation consultant allows the clients to assess the financial stakes of the case at all stages.

She has handled landmark cases relating to cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, ophthalmology, nanotechnology, diagnosis, genetically modified plants and veterinary products. Her expertise in pharmaceutical patents goes with a focus on supplementary protection certificates. Green technologies are a growing activity. She remains active in mechanics, electricity and electronics.

Convinced by the interest of alternative dispute resolution, she participated in a mediation that led to a major settlement indemnity and favours negotiations.

She lectures on patent litigation at Sciences Po, Paris, various intellectual property centres (such as Centre Paul Roubier), international conferences and private seminars. An active member of AIPPI, she is also a member of EPLAW, AAPI, LES and, through Véron & Associés, IPO and AIPLA. She is a co-author of the book *Saisie-contrefaçon*, published by leading French publisher Dalloz and edited by Pierre Véron (third edition, 2012).



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He has presented numerous reports on behalf of the AIPPI French group and has also acted as officer of various international AIPPI committees.

A former president of the arbitration centre of Lyon and a former associate of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, he has been involved in several arbitration proceedings, either as counsel, arbitrator or chairman of the arbitration panel.

Véron & Associés maintains a statistical study on patent litigation in France. The latest report concerns the decade 2000-2009, which is a follow-up to a previous study spanning 1990-1999. Both can be found on the firm's website.

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