

Life Sciences & Biotech

Attorneys in our Life Sciences Practice have extensive experience with the complex legal matters faced by companies in the Life Sciences industry. Our deep knowledge of our clients' businesses and the technology underlying their products and services is often bolstered by in-house or professional experience in the relevant industry or advanced credentials in the field. We utilize our knowledge and experience to tailor legal solutions to the needs of our clients and the requirements of the regulatory and business regimes in which they operate.

Our Life Sciences Practice has successfully represented companies at all stages of development, from pre-formation start-ups to large public companies. In addition, we counsel university technology transfer offices and their spin-out companies. Our practitioners also represent clients in their collaborations and technology transfer with government agencies, including the National Institutes of Health.

Our legal professionals advise clients domestically and internationally in a diverse range of sectors within the life sciences industry, including:

- ➔ Agriculture biotechnology
- ➔ Biofuels
- ➔ Bioinformatics
- ➔ Biologics
- ➔ Biotechnology
- ➔ Cell therapies
- ➔ Clinical protocol development
- ➔ Critical care technologies
- ➔ Diagnostics
- ➔ Electronic health records
- ➔ Genomics
- ➔ Medical devices
- ➔ Nonpharmaceutical therapies
- ➔ Oncology
- ➔ Pharmaceuticals
- ➔ Stem cell technologies
- ➔ Synthetic bioorganic chemistry

We utilize an interdisciplinary approach to ensure that our clients receive comprehensive, efficient, cutting-edge legal representation.

Attorneys in our Intellectual Property Practice Group assist our Life Sciences clients with all aspects of IP-related counseling, including:

- ➔ Patentability review
- ➔ Patent preparation and prosecution
- ➔ Freedom-to-operate analysis
- ➔ Non-infringement and patent invalidity review
- ➔ Trade secret protection
- ➔ Trademark acquisition and enforcement
- ➔ Copyright
- ➔ Uniform Domain-Name Dispute-Resolution Policy (UDRP) matters
- ➔ Due diligence
- ➔ Dispute resolution
- ➔ Intellectual property policies and strategies

Attorneys in our Technology Transactions Practice Group provide strategic counsel to our Life Sciences clients in compliance matters and a wide range of technology, commercial and strategic transactions, including:

- ➔ Licensing and collaboration agreements
- ➔ CRO, CMO and CDMO agreements and other research, development, manufacturing and supply agreements
- ➔ Outsourcing and service agreements
- ➔ Joint ventures and partnering and strategic alliance agreements
- ➔ Group purchasing organization agreements
- ➔ Sales and distribution contracts
- ➔ Sponsored research agreements and university licensing
- ➔ Clinical trial agreements
- ➔ Business associate agreements and data incidents and breaches
- ➔ HIPAA and federal and state privacy and data security laws compliance

Attorneys in our Corporate, Mergers and Acquisitions and Tax Practice Groups represent our Life Sciences clients in general corporate matters, capital-raising transactions, and mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, including:

- ➔ Angel investments and seed financings
- ➔ Convertible debt and bridge loans
- ➔ Venture capital financings
- ➔ Strategic partnering and investments
- ➔ Private equity investments
- ➔ Mergers and acquisitions
- ➔ Stock and asset purchases and sales
- ➔ Spin-offs
- ➔ Other change-of-control transactions

VLP has partnered with life sciences companies at all stages of development and we leverage our ability to combine technical knowledge and legal insight to provide comprehensive strategic and transactional advice that is tailored to our clients' unique needs.

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