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In our life sciences chapter we highlight 41 market-leading lawyers who stand out for their excellent work advising and representing some of the world's biggest life sciences companies.

### MOST HIGHLY REGARDED

1. JACQUES-ANTOINE ROBERT  
*Simmons & Simmons, Paris*

2. PAULE M DROUAULT-GARDRAT  
*PDG Avocats, Paris*

3. CÉCILE DERYCKE  
*Hogan Lovells (Paris) LLP, Paris*

4. ALAIN GORNY  
*SEA Avocats SELAS, Paris*

5. LAËTITIA BÉNARD  
*Allen & Overy LLP, Paris*

International law firm HOGAN LOVELLS boasts an internationally renowned life sciences practice and sees three top-tier practitioners recognised this year for their impressive expertise in the field.

The “excellent” **Cécile Derycke** “stands out” in the market thanks to her leading litigation practice. She regularly handles complex product liability cases in the life sciences area and is considered to be “a specialist in the field”.

**Mikael Salmela** receives widespread acclaim for his “excellent regulatory practice”. He regularly advises high-profile pharmaceutical and medical devices companies on a range of matters, including research, marketing authorisations, and pricing and reimbursement.

**Thomas Rouhette** is a renowned product liability specialist who wins praise for his strategic approach to handling high-profile litigation in the life sciences sector.

DENTONS is also well regarded for its strong life sciences offering. Three exceptional practitioners from the firm’s Paris office have been selected for inclusion this year.

**Anne-Laure Marceou** is “very well known” in the space thanks to her first-class corporate practice. She impresses commentators with her extensive experience advising international life sciences companies on M&A and strategic partnerships.

**Pascale Poupelin** is “an active player in the market” who is commended by sources for her “expertise on pricing and reimbursement matters”. With more than 30 years in the sector, she is widely regarded as “a true expert” in the field.

**François Vignaud** is “a key player” in the market who is highly respected by peers thanks to his “superb skill handling corporate matters in the life sciences area”.

Boutique French firm **VÉRON & ASSOCIÉS** is a key player in the patent litigation space thanks to its members’ strong life sciences

expertise. This year three leading lights at the firm have been recognised.

**Sabine Agé** is “a leading IP specialist” who garners praise for her top-tier patent litigation practice. She is particularly well regarded for her expert handling of infringement cases for pharmaceutical and medical devices companies.

The “excellent” **Pierre Véron** is a long-standing fixture in the market and receives wide-ranging recommendations for his impressive work in sector-related litigation proceedings.

**Amandine Métier** ranks prominently in our research thanks to her vast experience handling complex patent litigation proceedings for high-profile clients in the life sciences sector.

SIMMONS & SIMMONS is another prominent player in this market, achieving two listings.

**Jacques-Antoine Robert** “really stands out in the product liability arena” according to one impressed source. He also boasts a leading corporate life sciences practice, with one peer commenting that he is “a big name in the transactional space”.

The “excellent” **Alexandre Regniault** is well known in the market and is considered an expert when it comes to health products market access. One commentator notes: “He is a great lawyer with a great practice.”

Two practitioners from DECHERT are highlighted in this chapter.

**Mélanie Thill-Tayara** “stands out for competition work” in the life sciences sector, and regularly counsels prominent pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies.

**Alain Decombe** is warmly endorsed for his “excellent corporate work” by sources, with one impressed peer saying: “He really excels handling M&A work in the life sciences sector.”

**Paule Drouault-Gardrat** of PDG AVOCATS is a clear leader in the field who wins praise thanks to her vast experience advising prominent life sciences companies on a range of regulatory matters.

The “excellent” **Alain Gorny** of SEA AVOCATS is “a key player” in the market, according to peers. His broad sector expertise makes him a firm favourite among clients in the pharmaceutical sector.

**Laëtitia Bénard** at ALLEN & OVERY “really stands out for her IP work” say sources, who are quick to praise her “long-standing experience in the sector”.

The “exceptional” **Laure Le Calvé** at LCH boasts “a strong reputation” in the market after more than 20 years’ practicing life sciences law. She is notably recommended for her “expertise when it comes to medical devices work”.

**Olivier de Juvigny** of DETHOMAS PELTIER JUVIGNY & CO is “a great practitioner” who is noted for being “excellent for competition law matters” in the life sciences sector by sources.

“Strong regulatory practitioner” **Christophe Hénin** at INTUITY is “really prominent in the life sciences sector” according to one impressed commentator. He is also commended for his excellent work on complex litigation and arbitration proceedings.

**Bernard Geneste** at CMS FRANCIS LEFEBVRE AVOCATS is “one of the key figures in the Parisian market” according to one interviewee, who goes on to describe him as “an expert on pricing and regulatory matters”.