
The Life Sciences Practice

King & Spalding's life sciences practice is one of the largest and most comprehensive among law firms. More than 300 lawyers and professionals in 11 practice groups located in nine offices devote all or a substantial portion of their practices to clients in every segment of the industry. The firm currently represents more than 200 pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device manufacturers overall, including eight of the top 10 pharmaceutical/biotechnology manufacturers and eight of the top 10 medical device manufacturers.

We offer pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical technology companies specialized experience at every stage of the product life cycle — from emerging growth company counseling on intellectual property, capital-raising transactions, license and corporate partnering agreements, and clinical trials, through FDA approval, manufacturing, marketing, commercial and post-approval regulatory, strategic M&A, and other corporate transactions, to litigation and government and internal investigation matters. Our government affairs lawyers also help our clients in the industry understand and navigate legislative and regulatory developments in Washington, D.C., and in state capitals across the country. And the firm continues to expand its international life sciences capabilities, with increasing numbers of dedicated practitioners in our international offices giving the firm the ability to represent our clients in cross-border transactions around the world.

From start-up through product launch to patent expiry, our clients rely on King & Spalding's substantive expertise, bench strength and collaborative approach to client service.

The German Life Sciences Practice

Established in 2014, King & Spalding's German life sciences team counsels and represents the medical devices, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics and food industries in disputes. Our lawyers offer clients nearly 20 years of experience in this specialized and highly regulated area of law, both in the EU and nationally. The team advises clients in the various stages of the product life cycle, including

- product development
- labeling
- advertising and promotion
- product launch
- distribution
- compliance
- aspects related to parallel importation
- protection against falsified products
- recalls, if necessary
- end of life

Our lawyers counsel clients in all areas of EU regulatory, unfair competition and compliance law, representing companies before national and European authorities, including the European Commission. In addition, they contribute their expertise and experience in life sciences regulatory law to corporate and financial transactions related to life sciences companies.

Our lawyers have been practicing in the area of litigation, in particular in appellate litigation, for many years. They are well-known for representing clients in litigation cases before German and European courts, including the General Court and the Court of Justice of the European Union.

King & Spalding was ranked as one of the leading life sciences law firms in Germany by *JUVE* in 2014. Our partner leading the German life sciences practice has been designated a life sciences expert in publications such as *JUVE* and *Legal 500* for many years and was recognized as a "Life Sciences Star" in the inaugural edition of *LMG Life Sciences – Europe 2014*.