



A vital sector

Life Sciences & Healthcare



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Full service plus

We are one of the few law firms who can advise across the full spectrum of legal, regulatory and commercial issues affecting the sector. Our services cover complex regulatory, product liability, competition, procurement, commercial and IP issues – including patent prosecution, EPO opposition and regulatory exclusivity product life extension. We can also advise on disputes, M&A and financing. Our team includes lawyers, scientists, patent attorneys and academics, and a number of our team have worked in-house. With such a complete team, we pay just as much attention to industry trends and the bigger picture, and what they mean for our clients as to the issues of today.



Committed to your future

It is only possible to be prepared for the future when you truly understand the present. A key point of difference for CMS is its depth of understanding, and hence leadership, in the life sciences & healthcare sector. This deep knowledge creates the ability to anticipate further challenges, innovate and move quickly to meet them. CMS helps the sector keep on top of key legal and regulatory issues. Many of our lawyers are active members of leading industry bodies, including the Association of the British Healthcare Industries (ABHI), Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI), MedTech Europe and Bundesverband Medizintechnologie (BVMed). We bring the latest news and insights into the developments impacting the industry and businesses, helping them to shape effective strategies and policies.



Global solutions

In a highly regulated global sector that is constantly evolving, companies in the sector need lawyers who truly understand their local and cross-border goals. CMS sector specialists deliver local legal and industry expertise with a global outlook, where and when we are needed by those companies. Our global life sciences & healthcare team offers proactive support across Europe, Africa, the Middle East, South America and Asia-Pacific.

Case studies

Delivering cross-border expertise for strategic pipeline expansion

CMS supported Otsuka Pharmaceutical on the acquisition of global rights to the CAN10 and 3G5 antibody programmes from Cantargia AB.

- Transaction spanning the UK, Sweden, Belgium, Germany and Switzerland and coordinating CMS teams across these jurisdictions;
- Integrated support on transaction structuring, regulatory alignment and execution;
- Secured global development, manufacturing and commercialisation rights for next-generation antibody therapies.

Deal significance: Strengthens Otsuka's pipeline with high-potential therapies in a competitive, innovation-led therapeutic area.



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This firm bristles with the talent and experience necessary for a comprehensive life sciences practice, and excels accordingly. Core areas of strength include product liability and patent litigation, competition law, regulatory advice, commercial and corporate support.

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Coordinating global regulatory for digital health innovation

CMS supported a global provider of digital health and insurance solutions on the rollout of an integrated digital healthcare platform across 44 jurisdictions.

- Coordinated regulatory, data protection and liability inputs across 44 jurisdictions;
- Designed a scalable compliance framework, including AI-enabled functionality;
- Enabled rollout of telemedicine services, including symptom checking, doctor chat and digital consultations.

Deal significance: Demonstrates CMS's ability to support complex digital health and AI-driven solutions at scale across global markets.



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A global powerhouse with deep expertise in the healthcare and life sciences sector', CMS earns a top position thanks to its genuine dedication to the field. Delivering 'strong knowledge of the applicable law', 'significant practical experience' and a 'consistently thorough approach'.

Legal 500

At a glance

FOUNDED LIFESCIENCES ASIA-PACIFIC NETWORK WITH MEMBERS IN 12 JURISDICTIONS

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(Scotland)
Legal 500



Life Sciences and
Healthcare: Hungary,
Scotland
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and academics globally

Advising:

 all of the top 20 global
pharmaceutical companies

 all of the top 10 global
medical device companies

 world's largest
biotechnology company

 health and social
care providers

 start-ups



**Biotechnology, Food & Healthcare
sector (Silver), Chemistry & Pharma
(Bronze)**
*FT Europe's Leading Patent Law Firm
2026*



Legal Advisor – Independent
*LaingBuisson Health & Social Care
Awards UK 2019, 2021, 2024*



Real Estate Team of the Year
Legal Business Awards UK 2023



**Public Legal Adviser of the Year
Private Legal Adviser of the Year**
*LaingBuisson Health & Social Care
Awards UK 2023*



11 colleagues recognised
Lexology: Healthcare & Life Sciences



**Woman of the Year – Financial and
Professional Services – Candice
Blackwood**
Property Week, 2025



**Lawyer of the Year for
Pharmaceuticals Law –
Jens Wagner**
Best Lawyers, 2023



**Lawyer of the Year –
Mauricio Gomez**
Legal 500 Mexico Awards 2023



**Czech Republic and CEE Deal of the
Year**
CEE Legal Matters 2019



Healthcare Law Firm of the Year
JuVe Germany 2019

Our track record



Growing healthcare businesses

Advent International

On the €4.1billion sale of Zentiva to GTCR, delivering integrated expertise across 28 jurisdictions.

Tubulis

On a USD 5billion biotech acquisition strengthening oncology innovation through entering into a definitive agreement with Gilead Sciences.

Carlyle Group

On its strategically important USD 3.8billion acquisition of Baxter International's Kidney Care unit, which was renamed "Vantive" in the course of the transaction.



Setting up commercial contracts

Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI)

On its preparations for the Global Pandemic Preparedness Summit 2024 in Brazil.

A US pharmaceutical company

On a suite of contracts for use by their animal and human health businesses when engaging with healthcare professionals in number of jurisdictions, to include speaker agreements, service agreements, consents to record, expert input agreements, patient engagement agreements and sponsorship agreements.

A US biopharmaceutical company

On their market entry into CEE, including setting up their distribution system that is compliant with the regulatory and competition law. The company is focused on discovering, developing, and commercialising important new medicines.



Managing regulatory

A pioneering beauty and wellness brand

On the manufacturing agreements noting the different regulatory hurdles for each type of product and regulatory advice in respect of the Medical Device Directive and Medical Device Regulations.

A Japanese pharmaceutical company

On insourcing its clinical trial activities by reviewing affiliate structures for legal compliance, providing guidance on local approvals, and drafting tailored clinical trial agreements for both interventional and non-interventional studies across multiple jurisdictions, including mainland China, South Korea, Australia and Taiwan.

Leo Pharma

On a landmark CGR appeal establishing jurisdiction over cross border pharmaceutical promotion at international congresses in the Netherlands.



Litigation and product liability

Johnson & Johnson

On a successful infringement litigation case regarding imitations of medical devices across multiple jurisdictions, including Austria, the Netherlands, Slovenia, Germany, Belgium, Croatia, Italy and France.

A UK healthcare company

On a potential dispute with a distributor on alleged breaches and the termination of a Distribution Agreement, including certain issues in relation to the direct sale of products by our client in Spain post any termination.

A major international life sciences company

On cross border regulatory, compliance and commercial matters across Central and Eastern Europe, including a major compliance investigation and remediation programme.

Smart service delivery

The Life Sciences & Healthcare sector pushes boundaries, and so do we. Our clients benefit from bespoke CMS-developed tech as well as industry-standard AI. Here are just a few examples of how we use technology to deliver for clients.

AI delivering savings

Disputes often involve large volumes of documentation, and that's particularly true in a heavily regulated and IP-intensive sector such as life sciences & healthcare. Our CMS e-disclosure team, CMS Evidence, provides the latest e-disclosure tools to review, analyse and organise documents in a cost-effective way. It means that we can scope, budget and manage the entire disclosure process from start to finish, saving time and money. Due diligence, data and contract analysis can be time-consuming and complex. We use AI tools to review large swathes of information quickly and cost effectively. The software enables us to cluster, compare, analyse and visualise data from multiple sources and search thousands of documents accurately.

Responding to investigations

So called dawn raids – unannounced inspections – are an established and increasingly frequent feature of the regulatory landscape. The CMS Dawn Raid platform gives our clients instant, 24/7 access to CMS experts whenever the authorities come knocking. Developed in cooperation with our global anti-trust, competition and trade practice, the platform includes jurisdiction-specific checklists and best practice guidelines. Find out more [here](#).

CMS Umbra

Our award winning, cutting-edge, AI-driven IP commercialisation tool (won the coveted “Most Innovative Use of Technology” award at The Lawyer Awards 2024). It is a first-to-market AI solution designed to help IP-rich clients – or businesses who invest in such companies – to commercialise and maximise the value of patent portfolios. Find out more [here](#).



Solid across the full cycle of life sciences matters, with respected teams in Asia and a spread of offices across Europe. Well versed in regulatory, transactional, product liability and IP work.

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Sharing with you

We keep a close eye on developments and trends in this ever-changing sector to offer you insights, commentary and perspectives across multiple channels.

A legal roadmap for Cannabis



The cannabis trade and related activity is a growth business. A growing number of patients now have access to medicinal cannabis, and its potential therapeutic value is gaining wider acceptance. Our guide provides high level information about the legal approach to regulating cannabis across 36 jurisdictions. Visit [here](#).

Advertising of Medicines and Medical Devices



The Expert Guide provides high level information on life sciences & healthcare advertising across 38 jurisdictions and offers a quick and simple understanding of the applicable laws. The Expert Guide covers, amongst others, different types of advertising, regulatory aspects as well as legal consequences of non-compliance. Visit [here](#).

DTx Legal Navigator



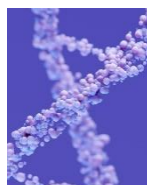
The DTx Legal Navigator provides practical guidance for 18 jurisdictions on how to comply with the legal boundaries in relation to placing a DTx on the respective market, promoting the DTx and getting paid for it. Visit [here](#).

Digital health apps and telemedicine



Digitisation is advancing steadily. Its pioneering innovations challenge all parties involved. This Expert Guide provides high level information on digital health apps and telemedicine in 30 jurisdictions. It offers comparison of the applicable laws, issues, regulatory aspects of the classification of digital health apps, data protection laws, as well as the legal framework for telemedicine. Visit [here](#).

Global Life Sciences & Healthcare Event



Our annual forum attracts more than 100 guests, as they join industry experts and CMS lawyers to learn more on the key issues bringing innovation and disruption to their sector. To learn more about this year's event, please get in touch with our Global Co-Heads or your key CMS contact.

On the Pulse series



On the Pulse brings together CMS lawyers and experts to discuss key industry topics impacting, innovating and disrupting the life sciences & healthcare sector. We annually host topical webinars, including the 2025 Spring series [here](#) and the 2025 Autumn series [here](#). To find out what we will be covering in 2026, click [here](#).

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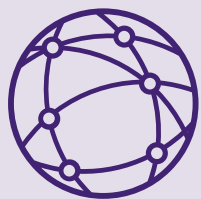
58% female

Lawyers

> 7,400

52.8% female

110 new
partners in 2025,
taking the total to
over 1,500



19 Practice and Sector Groups
working across offices

offices

92

cities

87

countries

50

EUR

2.173bn

turnover for 2025



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