



## Awards summary

### Who we are

The LMG Life Sciences Awards are part of Euromoney Institutional Investor. The awards are researched and adjudicated by a dedicated awards team that works across range of titles including [Benchmark Litigation](#), [Expert Guides](#), [International Financial Law Review](#), [ITR](#), [Managing IP](#) and [The Deal](#). This approach allows us to combine a deep knowledge of the life sciences sector, with expertise in reviewing litigation cases, corporate finance transactions and IP matters.

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For any information about the research please contact lead researcher [John Harrison](#).

### Methodology

The LMG Life Sciences Awards gives law firms and professional services firms the recognition they deserve for their efforts in the advancement of law in the life sciences industry. The awards are split into practitioner, firm and case/deal categories.

Law firms, private practitioners and in-house counsel teams are invited to make nominations detailing their accomplishments in the life sciences industry within our list of practice specialisms (see below).

The awards will also recognise a number of impact cases and deals.

We have created two multi-use forms: one for law firms and one for in-house counsel teams. The forms can be used to make as many nominations in as many categories as appropriate.

A dedicated research team will evaluate the written entries and conduct a series of interviews with leading practitioners and in-house counsel in the market across multiple areas of law and jurisdictions. Direct nominations form a vital part of the awards research process and the best way of highlighting your work. The research team will also review external sources of information, such as research generated by its supporting brands.

### Deadline

All nomination forms must be uploaded [HERE](#) by **January 27 2022**.

### Judging process

Final decisions will be made by the LMG Life Sciences awards team following an extensive research process. Decisions are entirely independent.

Impact case winners are adjudged on their impact within the legal practices of the life sciences. The panel will also take into consideration legal complexity, innovation, and other relevant challenges in assessing cases.

Firm and individual winners are adjudged on their professional accomplishments within their field between January 1 to December 31 of the preceding year.

# Award categories

## Firm of the year

The awards will recognise the best law firm in the following categories:

- Competition / antitrust
- Corporate
- Licensing and collaboration
- M&A
- Opposition procedure
- Parallel import
- Patent litigation – Biologics/Biosimilars
- Patent litigation – Biotech
- Patent litigation – Medical devices
- Patent litigation – Pharmaceuticals
- Patent strategy
- Product liability
- Regulatory
- SPC litigation
- Venture capital
- White collar crime

## Lawyer of the year

The lawyer of the year awards will be based primarily on the role an individual has played on influential cases. The award will also take into consideration advocacy, influence and thought leadership during the period.

- ‘Professional accomplishments’: please include the nominee’s key recent legal work from calendar year 2021.
- ‘Advocacy, influence and thought leadership’: please include examples that demonstrate the nominee’s influence in their specialism outside of transactional work, such as roles in decision-making and leadership, examples of professional creativity and thought leadership.

Entries under ‘work highlights’ that detail key legal matters will also be used to evaluate individual lawyer candidates.

Lawyer of the year will be awarded in the following categories:

- Advisory
- Competition / antitrust
- Corporate
- Judicial review
- Licensing and collaboration
- M&A
- Parallel import
- Patent litigator – Biologics/Biosimilars
- Patent litigator – Biotech
- Patent litigator – Medical devices
- Patent litigator – Pharmaceuticals
- Patent strategy and management
- Product liability
- SPC litigator
- White collar crime

## Rising star lawyer of the year

A rising star is an associate or of counsel-level lawyer. Suitable candidates must have under 15 years of professional experience, be under 40 years old and be acting at partner level.

Rising star lawyers will be awarded in the following broad categories:

- Corporate
- Financial
- IP
- Non-IP Litigation
- Regulatory

## Impact cases and deals of the year

The deals and cases detailed in the ‘work highlights’ section of the form will form the basis of the research for impact cases and deals of the year. We will also review external sources. Evaluation of cases will include: complexity, innovation, challenges, impact and outcomes. Work must have closed or had key milestones in 2021 and **must be publishable**.

## Jurisdictional Firm of the Year\*

National firm of the year awards will be based primarily on the evidence of work highlights. The evaluation will focus on work done under the governing law of the relevant jurisdiction, considering the role of the firm in the work, its impact and complexity. National firm of the year will be awarded for the following jurisdictions:

- Africa\*\*
- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Middle East\*\*
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom

\*The awards withhold the right to condense jurisdictions into sub-regions to reflect engagement and participation

\*\* These sub-regions may be expanded to represent various jurisdictions, depending on engagement and participation

## In-house team of the year

There is a separate form for direct in-house submissions. In-house team awards will be awarded for the following:

- Corporate
- Financial
- IP
- Non-IP Litigation
- Regulatory

These awards will be based on work highlights, referrals, and testimonials for projects completed in 2021.

**Corporate** – legal work completed that assisted with growth of the company (such as mergers, acquisitions, project development)

**Financial** – legal work completed that assisted with external financial engagements (such as venture capital investments, private equity investments)

**IP** – legal work that assisted with IP rights for products for the company (such as copyrights, patents, trademarks, SPCs)

**Non-IP Litigation** – legal work that assisted with litigation concerns supporting the company (antitrust, competition, product liability, white collar crime)

**Regulatory** – legal work that assisted with regulatory threats and new regulatory environment or developments supporting the company's business

## General counsel of the year

Individual awards for in-house practitioners will be awarded in the following categories:

- Africa general counsel of the year
- Europe general counsel of the year
- Middle East general counsel of the year
- UK general counsel of the year

**General Counsel of the Year:** this award considers a combination of the individual's performance during 2021 regarding their achievements in business enabling and thought leadership.