



**LIFE SCIENCES
AWARDS 2026 EMEA**

**EMEA AWARDS 2026
SHORTLIST**

Thursday, June 4th

The Biltmore Mayfair, London



FIRM AWARDS

Antitrust & Competition Firm of the Year

Arnold & Porter
Clifford Chance
Latham & Watkins
Morgan Lewis & Bockius
Ropes & Gray
Skadden
White and Case

Cross border M&A Firm of the Year

A&O Shearman
Clifford Chance
Cooley
Covington & Burling
Freshfields
Goodwin
Latham & Watkins
Skadden

Debt Financing Firm of the Year

A&O Shearman
Bird & Bird
Clifford Chance
Kirkland & Ellis
Latham & Watkins
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett
Skadden

EMEA Regulatory Firm of the Year

A&O Shearman
Bird & Bird
DLA Piper
Hogan Lovells
Latham & Watkins
McDermott Will & Schulte
Ropes & Gray

Equity Capital Markets Firm of the Year

A&L Goodbody
Baker McKenzie
Clifford Chance
Cooley
Latham & Watkins
Linklaters

Licensing & Collaboration Firm of the Year

Bird & Bird
Clifford Chance
Cooley
DLA Piper
Latham & Watkins
McDermott Will & Schulte

National M&A Firm of the Year

DORDA
Hengeler Mueller
Homburger
Niederer Kraft Frey
Roschier

Patent Litigation Firm of the Year: Biologics & Biosimilars

Bird & Bird
Carpmaels & Ransford
Homburger
Morgan Lewis & Bockius
Powell Gilbert

Patent Litigation Firm of the Year: Biotech

Bird & Bird
Carpmaels & Ransford
Gowling WLG
Powell Gilbert

Patent Litigation Firm of the Year: Medical Devices

Bird & Bird
Clifford Chance
Hogan Lovells
Powell Gilbert
Preu Bohlig & Partner
Taylor Wessing

Patent Litigation Firm of the Year: Pharmaceuticals

A&O Shearman
Bird & Bird
Carpmaels & Ransford
Clifford Chance
DLA Piper
Hogan Lovells
Pinsent Masons
Taylor Wessing

Private Equity Firm of the Year

Clifford Chance
Freshfields
Goodwin
Kirkland & Ellis
Latham & Watkins
Ropes & Gray
White & Case



FIRM AWARDS

SPC Litigation Firm of the Year

A&O Shearman
Carpmaels & Ransford
DLA Piper
Lenz & Staehelin
Roschier

UK Regulatory Firm of the Year

Arnold & Porter
Bird & Bird
Kirkland & Ellis
Morgan Lewis & Bockius
Ropes & Gray

Venture Capital Firm of the Year

Bird & Bird
Cooley
Homburger
Latham & Watkins
McDermott Will & Schulte
Ropes & Gray

White Collar Crime Firm of the Year

A&O Shearman
DLA Piper
Latham & Watkins
Muşat & Asociații
Nater Dallafior
Ropes & Gray

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Antitrust & Competition Lawyer of the Year

Frances Murphy, Morgan Lewis & Bockius
James Killick, White & Case
Jana K Dammann de Chapt, Latham & Watkins
Marc Besen, Clifford Chance
Ruchit Patel, Ropes & Gray

Licensing & Collaboration Lawyer of the Year

Barbara Mutsaers, AKD
Frances Stocks Allen, Cooley
Lydia Torne, Latham & Watkins
Patrick Duxbury, Gowling WLG
Stephen Reese, Clifford Chance

M&A Lawyer of the Year

Adrian Maguire, Kirkland & Ellis
Gunnar Sachs, Clifford Chance
Henning Schneider, Latham & Watkins
Julian Long, Freshfields
Marc Castagnède, A&O Shearman
Paul Claydon, Covington & Burling
Simon Amies, Cooley

Patent Litigator of the Year: Biologics & Biosimilars

Andri Hess, Homburger
Hiroshi Sheraton, Morgan Lewis & Bockius
Inmaculada Lorenzo, Hogan Lovells
Zoe Butler, Powell Gilbert

Patent Litigator of the Year: Biotech

Agathe Michel-de Cazotte, Carpmaels & Ransford
Huw Evans, Gowling WLG
Jennifer Jones, Bird & Bird
Penny Gilbert, Powell Gilbert

Patent Litigator of the Year: Medical Devices

Andreas Bothe, Hogan Lovells
Eleanor Root, Bird & Bird
Siddharth Kusumakar, Powell Gilbert
Tim Powell, Morgan Lewis & Bockius
Wim Maas, Taylor Wessing



INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Patent Litigator of the Year: Pharmaceuticals

Charles Tuffreau, A&O Shearman
Christopher Sharp, Pinsent Masons
Gertjan Kuipers, Hogan Lovells
Tobias J. Hessel, Clifford Chance
Tom Oliver, Powell Gilbert

Regulatory Advisor of the Year

Adela Williams, Arnold & Porter
Eveline Van Keymeulen, Latham &
Watkins
Jörg Schickert, Hogan Lovells
Lincoln Tsang, Ropes & Gray
Wilfred Steenbruggen, Bird & Bird

SPC Litigator of the Year

Aoife Murphy, DLA Piper
Jennifer Antcliff, Carpmaels & Ransford
Laëtitia Bénard, A&O Shearman
Peter von Czetztritz, Preu Bohlig & Partner

White Collar Crime Lawyer of the Year

Claudia Götz Staehelin, Nater Dallafior
Sean Seelinger, Ropes & Gray
Sohail Ali, DLA Piper
Thomas Declerck, A&O Shearman

RISING STAR AWARDS

Banking and Capital Markets Rising Star

Caroline Philip, Gorrissen Federspiel
Luke Ng, Clifford Chance
Nicolle Odutoye, Latham & Watkins
Philip Whitehead, Cooley

IP Rising Star

Callum Beamish-Lacey, Powell Gilbert
Craig Lumb, Carpmaels & Ransford
David Mulder, Taylor Wessing
Evelina Marchesoni, Bird & Bird
Oliver Mobasser, Latham & Watkins
Tom Edwards, A&O Shearman

M&A Rising Star

Adrián Fernández, Hogan Lovells
Alexandra Paterson, Cooley
David Dowling, Ropes & Gray
Samantha Peacock, Latham & Watkins
Samuel Hochstrasser, Niederer Kraft Frey

Regulatory Rising Star

Daisy Bray, Ropes & Gray
Eleri F Abreo, Arnold & Porter
Martina Maffei, Herbert Smith Freehills
Kramer
Pieter Erasmus, Bird & Bird
Tina Welter-Birk, Hogan Lovells
Tine Carmeliet, A&O Shearman

White Collar Crime Rising Star

Alin Sinocicu, Mușat & Asociații
Annie Birch, Latham & Watkins
Edward Machin, Ropes & Gray
Robin Marshall, A&O Shearman



IN-HOUSE AWARDS

General Counsel of the Year

James Horgan, Merck Sharp & Dohme

James Ryan, BioNTech

Laura Heffner-Rau, Roche

Nicolas Mavel, Servier

In-House Large Team of the Year

AstraZeneca

Bayer

GSK

Merck Sharp & Dohme

Pfizer

Roche

Sanofi

In-House Mid-size Team of the Year

BioNTech

CureVac

Idorsia Pharmaceuticals

Sandoz

Servier

JURISDICTION AWARDS

Austria Firm of the Year

DORDA

Gassauer Fleissner

Schoenherr

Wolf Theiss

Africa & Middle East Lawyer of the Year

Abimbola Akeredolu, Banwo & Ighodalo

Adam Vause, DLA Piper

Altair Richards, ENSafrica

Andrea Tithecott, Al Tamimi & Company

Chinyere Okorochoa, Jackson Etti & Edu

Neil Kirby, Werksmans

Baltics Firm of the Year

Cobalt

Ellex

Noor

TEGOS

Walless

Belgium Firm of the Year

A&O Shearman

Arnold & Porter

Covington & Burling

Latham & Watkins

Quinz

Stibbe

Bulgaria Firm of the Year

Dimitrov Petrov & Co

Kinstellar

Wolf Theiss

Central & Eastern Europe Lawyer of the Year

Francine Brogyányi, Dorda

Georg Kresbach, Wolf Theiss

Michał Czarnuch, Rymarz Zdort Maruta

Paulina Kieszowska, KRK Kieszowska

Rutkowska Kolasiński

Tomáš Čihula, Kinstellar

Czech Republic Firm of the Year

A&O Shearman

Bird & Bird

Havel & Partners

Kinstellar

PRK Partners

Denmark Firm of the Year

Bech-Bruun

Gorrissen Federspiel

Kromann Reumert

Plesner

Finland Firm of the Year

Borenius

Castrén & Snellman

Hannes Snellman

Roschier



JURISDICTION AWARDS

France Firm of the Year

A&O Shearman
Baker McKenzie
Hogan Lovells
Latham & Watkins
McDermott Will & Schulte
White & Case

Germany Firm of the Year

Clifford Chance
df-mp
Gleiss Lutz
Hoffman Eitle
Hogan Lovells
Latham & Watkins
Preu Bohlig & Partner

Greece Firm of the Year

Bernitsas Law
Karatzas & Partners
Koutalidis Law Firm
Kyriakides Georgopoulos Law Firm
Potamitisvekris

Hungary Firm of the Year

Hegymegi-Barakonyi and Fehérváry
Baker McKenzie
Kinstellar
Wolf Theiss

International Firm of the Year

A&O Shearman
Bird & Bird
Carpmaels & Ransford
Cooley
Gowling WLG
Kirkland & Ellis
Latham & Watkins
White & Case

Ireland Firm of the Year

A&L Goodbody
Arthur Cox
Byrne Wallace Shields
DLA Piper
Mason Hayes & Curran

Israel Firm of the Year

Agmon with Tulchinsky
Arnon Tadmor-Levy
Gornitzky & Co
Herzog Fox & Neeman
Liad Whatstein & Co
Meitar
Reinhold Cohn Group
S. Horowitz

Italy Firm of the Year

Bird & Bird
BonelliErede
Chiomenti
DLA Piper
Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer
Hogan Lovells

MENA Firm of the Year

Al Tamimi & Company
Bennani & Associates
DLA Piper
Matouk Bassiony
White & Case

Netherlands Firm of the Year

AKD
Arnold & Porter
Bird & Bird
Clifford Chance
Hogan Lovells
Taylor Wessing

Nigeria Firm of the Year

Aluko & Oyebode
Banwo & Ighodalo
Jackson Etti & Edu
Udo Udoma & Belo-Osagie

Nordics Lawyer of the Year

Ben Rapinoja, Borenius
Camilla Appelgren, Mannheimer
Swartling
Erik Ficks, Roschier Advokatbyrå
Martin Levinsohn, Setterwalls
Niels Bang, Gorrissen Federspiel



JURISDICTION AWARDS

Poland Firm of the Year

A&O Shearman
DBS Law Firm
Greenberg Traurig
KRK Kieszkowska Rutkowska Kolasiński
Rymarz Zdort Maruta
WKB Lawyers

Portugal Firm of the Year

Linklaters
Morais Leitao
PLMJ
Servulo & Associados
VdA

Romania Firm of the Year

Kinstellar
Muşat & Asociații
Nestor Nestor Diculescu Kingston
Petersen
Popescu & Asociatii
Schoenherr

Slovakia Firm of the Year

A&O Shearman
Čechová & Partners
Dentons
Kinstellar

South Africa Firm of the Year

Bowmans
ENSAfrica
Norton Rose Fulbright
Webber Wentzel
Werksmans Attorneys

South East Europe Lawyer of the Year

Andrijana Kaštelan, Kinstellar
Can Sözer, Esin Attorney Partnership
Martin Zahariev, Dimitrov Petrov & Co
Okan Can, DERIS
Özge Atılgan Karakulak, Gün + Partners

Spain Firm of the Year

Clifford Chance
Grau & Angulo
Hogan Lovells
Uría Menéndez
Vidal – Quadras & Ramón

Sweden Firm of the Year

Mannheimer Swartling
Roschier
Setterwalls
Vinge

Switzerland Firm of the Year

Bär & Karrer
Homburger
Lenz & Staehelin
Niederer Kraft Frey
Schellenberg Wittmer
Walder Wyss

Türkiye Firm of the Year

DERIS
Esin Attorney Partnership
Gün + Partners
NSN Law Firm

Ukraine Firm of the Year

Aequo
Doubinsky & Osharova
Kinstellar
LA Law Firm



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