

Life Sciences

Our practice

Belgium has one of the world's highest concentrations of universities, R&D centres and innovative companies. Individually and in collaboration, they continually demonstrate new and ingenious ways to put life sciences to positive use in pharmaceuticals, medical technologies, biotechnology, agri-food and specialised supporting activities.

ALTIUS' life sciences team has a proven track record in assisting clients in the life sciences, healthcare and agricultural industries in contentious and non-contentious matters. Our team advises (multi)national pharmaceutical, medical and biotech companies about the legal issues encountered during each stage of developing their products, from R&D, through marketing authorisation and pricing to manufacturing, distribution and advertising.

As we are a full service firm, our life sciences team can call on the expertise of colleagues who are specialists in all related legal disciplines, such as: competition law; product liability; regulatory matters; intellectual property; dispute resolution; capital markets; M&A; and corporate finance. This cross-practice structure enables us to devise fully-integrated solutions for the issues that confront our clients in an increasingly challenging regulatory and commercial environment.

Through our active membership of industry and professional associations and our participation in industry leading conferences, we have built up a useful network that offers us the opportunity to team up with other industry members.

How we can help

- Agrifood law
- Cell & tissue engineered products
- Compliance
- Corporate and M&A
- Data protection
- EU regulatory affairs
- Intellectual property rights and trade secrets
- Medical devices
- Medicinal products' marketing
- Parapharmaceuticals
- Pricing and reimbursement
- Protection of plant biotechnological inventions

Market recognition

"Altius has saved us a great amount of money and they are worth every cent. The level of service was outstanding with the whole team and especially with the key contact person." – Legal 500, 2022

"If I could, I'd give a 5 star rating to Kirian Claezé who has proven to be a genius. We are working together a bit more than two years and time after time he solved our issues in a simple and eloquent way. Fast and clear communication and a complete risk analysis of the chosen strategy. For me, Kirian Claezé has the charisma needed to guide you in each step and makes the legal aspect of our business fun, comprehensible and exciting." – Legal 500, 2022

"Christophe Ronse is very professional, hardworking and creative, and he helps us to establish a bridge between us and our transaction party." – Legal 500, 2022

"Excellent quality of legal advice rendered in time at a reasonable cost. What else can a company wish for?" – Legal 500, 2022

Clients appreciate that the team is *"very knowledgeable"* and *"explains things in a really clear way."* – Chambers Europe, 2022

The team *"works in a thorough manner and within tight deadlines."* - Chambers Europe, 2021

Christophe Ronse advises clients on market access, clinical trials and medical equipment matters, including tendering. He *"goes the extra mile to provide the best possible and most pragmatic legal advice."* Pharmaceutical clients also benefit from his strong intellectual property practice. - Chambers Europe, 2021

Litigation specialist Christophe Ronse heads the practice and handles much of this work, with close support from Philippe de Jong, whose experience advising on plant variety rights and parallel import issues is invaluable. During the Covid-19 pandemic, the team has also assisted clients with market access and import restrictions. – Legal 500, 2021

ALTIUS is a full-service law firm with an excellent IP litigation practice, particularly in the life sciences sector. – IP Stars, 2021

The *"intelligent and astute"* (Christophe) Ronse is a first port of call for pharmaceutical originators faced with must-win suits; while *IAM Patent 1000* newcomer (Kirian) Claezé is *"a highly respected lawyer with a commanding, tough approach, but a gentlemanly demeanour"*. Philippe de Jong also has a penchant for the life sciences and is highly regarded in the agri-food business. – IAM Patent 2021

Enthusiastic clients laud the team for being *"very knowledgeable, quick to react and very well informed about the life sciences industry."* - Chambers Europe, 2020

Philippe de Jong has a broad range of expertise in life sciences, with a particular focus on the food and plant life industry. Clients report that he is *"very reasonable, quick in responding and understands our company and the context."* - Chambers Europe, 2020

Christophe Ronse is highly regarded for his patent expertise. Clients pick him out for his *"outstanding knowledge of the pharma business"* adding that he *"is very familiar with generic and biosimilar work."* - Chambers Europe, 2020

The firm has a strong practice in the life sciences sector. – IP Stars, 2020

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