

Bioscience

With the greater Cambridge area home to the largest cluster of bioscience activity outside North America, we have developed a highly regarded specialist team to advise clients both locally and further afield.

We advise everyone from individuals and start-ups to multinationals, research institutes and NHS Trusts, and our sector specialisms include clinical trials, drug discovery, medical devices, small molecules and biotechnology.

The lawyers in our bioscience team pride themselves on grasping the scientific principles of a technology and providing practical insight into commercialising it effectively. They strive to provide cost-effectiveness, particularly when young companies are seeking funding.

Hewitsons are members of the Intellectual Property Advisory Committee of the BioIndustry Association – active in lobbying on intellectual property matters nationally and globally.

We can provide specialist advice covering:

- *Funding, mergers, acquisitions and flotations*
- *Contracts ranging from confidentiality and materials transfer agreements to major licensing and collaboration deals*
- *Process scale-up and product manufacture*
- *Employee share option schemes*
- *Tackling intellectual property infringement*
- *Regulatory issues such as compliance with clinical trials and novel food regulations*
- *Data protection and patient confidentiality requirements*
- *Patient consent and Freedom of Information Act issues*
- *Competition law and anti-trust issues*
- *Contracts for employees, consultants and scientific advisory board members*
- *Immigration issues in connection with the recruitment of overseas staff*
- *Leases for laboratory premises*



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About Hewitsons

We are not your average law firm and we are proud of that fact. With Hewitsons, you enjoy everything you would expect from a long established practice but with a modern, much friendlier approach. We always work that little bit harder to get to know you, which makes all the difference to the end result.

Businesses flourish because of their ability to adapt and we are no exception. We have evolved and continue to do so, to ensure that we give you a range of specialist services, across all sectors in one integrated firm.

We are professionals but we are people too. Our lawyers will advise you on matters large and small, using clear and simple language you can understand.

Should your legal needs take you outside of the UK, you will be reassured to learn that as founder members of LawExchange International, we have a global reach that extends throughout Europe, North America, Asia, South America and Australia. Simply giving you all the law you need.

Our approach

All of our legal teams take a straightforward and friendly approach to dealing with you and their aim is to provide the most effective solution that fits your requirements.

Often the final outcome is far from certain, and our specialist teams take time to understand the dynamics of your needs in order that they can give the best advice.

Through a combination of legal expertise and commercial acumen, we provide a high quality service in a way that suits you – be this by phone, face to face or online. It is this mixture of skills that allows us to act swiftly and efficiently.

We value our strong client relationships. We believe we have achieved these not only by providing value for money, but by adding value to everything we undertake.

Our broad experience is shared with our clients through regular updates and seminars. Through these we can help you increase your knowledge in key areas relevant to you.



Our people

Our Bioscience team has a wealth of experience, ensuring that whatever levels of experience you require, we are in a position to provide the appropriate level of resource.

You cannot have excellent service without excellent people so we go to great lengths to hire the very best. We are committed to the training and development of all our people and regard this as vital to our future.

To ensure enhanced delivery of services to our clients we attained Investors in People accreditation in 1998 and have held the standard since then.

In addition to IiP accreditation we also achieved the Law Society's practice management standard Lexcel in May 2007 which provides additional third party endorsement of our achievements. These awards are evidence of our commitment to quality and excellence.

Our clients

Our clients are as diverse as the work we do. As one of the largest law firms in our region, our work covers all aspects of corporate, commercial and property law, as well as addressing the legal needs of charities, institutions and private individuals.

In whatever we do for you however, we personalise our services to suit your needs. It's your kind of law.

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