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Home to such industry giants as Bayer HealthCare, MorphoSys and GPC Biotech, the life sciences sector in Germany is one of the most sophisticated in Europe. With an EU-wide focus on innovation, research and market development in biotechnology, the following 22 members of the country’s already highly advanced life sciences market have seen their skills continually put to the test in recent years.

Bird & Bird is the best represented firm in this chapter, fielding three lawyers from its Düsseldorf office. Chairman of the firm’s German office and German IP group head, Wolfgang von Meibom is internationally recognized as an expert in life sciences patent litigation, having sat in numerous precedent-setting matters in the national courts.

Ina von Feld is also noted for her disputes work as well as her “leading” expertise in pharmaceutical regulation and the regular tactics in the drafting and negotiation of license agreements and clinical trial and manufacturing contracts for high-profile multi-national clients.

Felix Rüdiger is known for his work in complex domestic and international patent infringement disputes on behalf of clients in the pharmaceutical and medical device sectors.

Praised by sources as a “superb technical lawyer”, Peter Chocurt tensors the Frankfeld Brachmann Deninger LLP’s patent litigation practice in Germany and is a former global co-head of the IP and IT team. Frank-Erich Hüfngel regularly represents national and international clients in disputes before the German patent courts and is also recommended for his technology transfer, licensing and competition work.

Peter Diemer represents Clifford Chance LLP and is lauded for his work advising life sciences companies in regulatory, contractual, distribution and advertising matters as well as cross-border transactions. Ulrich Roese is noted for both his contentious and non-contentious work on behalf of pharmaceutical, healthcare and biotechnology companies and sources praise him as “first-rate”.

At Hogan Lovells, the “world class” Ian Breen is co-head of the global life sciences team and a “great name” in pharmaceutical and medical device product liability and tort matters.

Andrew von Falek has handled life science patent cases before the German courts and the European Patent Office (EPO) and counsels Eli Lilly, Merck, Roche and Sanofi-Aventis among his recent clients.

The “very experienced” and “highly respected” Thomas Reinhart is a name partner of Reihmann Osterreich Kühler & Hoff and focuses his practice on patent litigation, arbitration and mediation in the pharmaceutical sector. At the same firm, Christine Kanz is also well thought of for her disputes practice as well as her “sought-after” expertise in drafting and negotiating commercial agreements for clients in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology fields.

Thilo Raupach is a “big name” in the Frankfurt office of Baker & McKenzie where he provides advertising, regulatory, competition and IP advice to drug and medical device companies.

Wolfgang Reinhart is the managing partner of Tavano Wessing and combines his “outstanding” pharmaceutical and medical law knowledge with a strong focus on EU competition and trade work.

Christian Diels of Diels + Boile is known for his expertise in health insurance and telemedicine law, encompassing drug supply regulations and medical licensing, and he is held in “high esteem” by correspondents to our survey.

Wolfgang Kozlowski is a founding partner of Dr Schmidt-Telmann & Kozlowski in Hamburg and is recognized as a “prominent name” in public healthcare policy, marketing authorization, competition and reimbursement.

Healthcare advertising, regulatory affairs, IP and drug law specialist Peter von Costeritz is a “superb” name at Prettisch & Prettner.