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Life Sciences

How we can help



We have significant experience within our Life Sciences team which gives us the ability to quickly understand the scientific and commercial needs of our clients and to provide them with the appropriate advice.

Our team has experience advising within the health, pharmaceutical, biotech and food manufacturing industries on areas such as: laboratories and reference facilities; pathology; microbiology; research, testing and standards (in areas such as biosafety, genomic research, proficiency testing, proteomics and culture collections); manufacturing and all manner of product development (including IP) and supply.

We know that the current market can be challenging and we recognise the importance in providing quick, accurate, innovative and pragmatic commercial advice.

“ We needed a legal team that can negotiate at the highest level and under great pressure, Brachers delivered. The team demonstrated that they can compete with the best that the City of London has to offer.

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Michael Overy,
Former Managing Director,
Kent Pharmaceuticals Limited

We provide advice on the following:

- Commercial agreements (including licensing, collaboration, research and development, IP, manufacturing, clinical trial, service agreements, technology transfer, supply and distribution agreements)
- Intellectual Property, strategy and protection
- Private and public debt and equity funding / Grants
- Working with and supplying into the public sector/ Innovative partnerships
- Company establishment
- Company and product acquisitions and sales
- Taxation issues including R&D tax credits and the 'patent box'
- Regulatory and competition issues
- Contentious and non-contentious employment law matters, employee relations support and business protection
- Dispute resolution services for contract and other disputes – domestic and international arbitration and mediation
- Property and construction matters

Meet the team



Jonathan Askin
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Jonathan provides expert legal advice to public and private sector clients on a broad range of commercial, contract and public procurement law matters. He has extensive experience in both the health and life sciences sectors.

- Senior Legal Counsel at the Health Protection Agency and Senior Commercial Lawyer for the Government
- Advises various pharmaceutical, medical equipment and food manufacturing clients on all their commercial needs
- Experience of taking start up companies from laboratory to market and revenue generation.



Matthew Simmonds
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Matt is a Partner specialising in private company acquisitions and disposals, including private equity, management buyouts and accelerated M&A transactions.

- Interim in-house legal advisor to Kent Pharmaceuticals Group
- Advising on the sale of Britain's largest independent generic pharmaceuticals manufacturer and wholesaler, Kent Pharmaceuticals for £58 million
- Advised eight funds, including funds managed by YFM Equity Partners, Foresight and Beringea on the sale of diabetic retinopathy screening services provider, Digital Healthcare Limited to EMIS Group plc.



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Alex has provided Corporate Management services for the Pharmaceutical, Biotechnology, Medical Device and In Vitro Diagnostics industries for 50 years. His experience in Life Sciences is a blend of scientific, commercial and corporate responsibilities.

- International and global marketing positions for companies such as GSK and Thermo Fisher Scientific
- Chief Operating Officer and one of the Founders of the BioGateway
- Served on the Executive Board of the British InVitro Diagnostic Association.