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#### Sectors

# Health and Life Sciences

With national healthcare spending expected to climb to 20 percent of U.S. GDP by 2025, the healthcare and life sciences sector will continue to play a dominant role in the marketplace for the foreseeable future. While extraordinary opportunities exist for businesses in the sector, significant risks—ranging from uncertainty over federal health policy, skyrocketing costs, and data breaches to increasing regulatory scrutiny of fraud, waste, and abuse remain an ever-present concern.

Ranked Tier One in the United States in Healthcare Law by U.S. News – Best Lawyers, our Health and Life Sciences Sector Team provides comprehensive representation to medical device, pharmaceutical, and medical supply manufacturers and distributors; healthcare systems and providers; health insurers and managed care companies; and private equity firms and other sector-specific investors. Our team is bolstered by lawyers with industry knowledge gained from service as in-house counsel and senior executives at national health systems, biopharmaceutical companies, and state healthcare agencies. In addition, many of our lawyers have advanced technical degrees and business experience in fields such as chemistry and molecular biology, giving us additional insight into our clients' business operations.

Ranked among the top 15 law firms in the United States for best client relationships in the healthcare sector

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Our multidisciplinary team has extensive experience in complex regulatory and corporate matters, including middle market mergers and acquisitions for pharmaceutical and medical supply companies, senior living facilities, and institutional and group providers. In addition, we are well-versed in the intellectual property issues faced by pharmaceutical companies and medical device manufacturers, and regularly advise on patent strategy, freedom to operate, opinion work, and licensing, manufacturing, and distribution agreements.

Our lawyers have a long and successful track record of resolving complex disputes common to the health and life sciences sector, including product liability claims, patent and trademark infringement. regulatory litigation, and employment litigation. In addition, we have extensive experience in healthcare litigation, including professional liability and provider disputes, as well as government investigations and regulatory enforcement matters. As one of the first U.S. law firms with a national focus on fraud and recovery, we represent a number of the nation's largest insurance companies in investigating and litigating complex healthcare fraud schemes. We also work closely with health and life sciences clients to minimize risk of data theft by ensuring compliance with privacy laws and regulations. If and when a breach does occur, we help our clients respond quickly and efficiently to mitigate the damage as well as any potential liabilities.

### What We Do

- Corporate counseling
- Mergers, acquisitions, dispositions, and financing transactions
- Intellectual property protection and litigation

- Patent counseling, including due diligence reviews, freedom-to-operate analysis, and opinion drafting
- Trademark infringement, trade secret misappropriation, unfair competition, and deceptive trade practices prosecution and defense
- Data privacy and security compliance
- Federal and state regulatory counseling and compliance, including FDA compliance and labeling laws
- Labor and employment counseling, compliance, and litigation
- Product liability claims defense
- Financing, development, and leasing of health and life science facilities
- Governmental investigations and white collar defense