Italy: Life Sciences 2018

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We highlight 33 leading practitioners in this section for their excellent work across the full spectrum of life sciences law.

Most Highly Regarded	
1. Mauro Turrini	Studio Legale Bird & Bird, Milan
2. Vincenzo Salvatore	BonelliErede, Milan
3. Paola Sangiovanni	Gitti and Partners, Milan

BonelliErede sees four exceptional lawyers highlighted for their expertise across a range of areas, including patent litigation, regulatory matters and life sciences transactions.

Vincenzo Salvatore "really stands out" in the market and garners effusive praise from commentators who consider him "an expert on regulatory matters". He is an "extensively experienced" practitioner boasting expertise across a range of matters including clinical trials, marketing authorisation and data protection.

The "excellent" **Giovanni Guglielmetti** is a "top practitioner" who receives plaudits for his "expert handling of patent matters" for life sciences companies.

"Leading practitioner" **Andrea Carta Mantiglia** is widely recommended for his experience handling M&A transactions for prominent companies in the pharmaceutical, medical devices and biotechnology sectors.

Sergio Erede is "absolutely top for M&A work" say sources, who describe him as one of the "best-known" lawyers in the Italian market. He is also noted as "a fantastic negotiator".

International powerhouse Hogan Lovells also performs well in our research, achieving four recommendations this year.

Francesca Rolla is “a fantastic litigator” with “an excellent reputation for IP work in the life sciences space”. She also “really stands out” for her strong track record in the product liability arena.

Christian Di Mauro is noted as “a real expert in the life sciences field” and is recognised for his strong experience defending life sciences companies in complex product liability claims.

The “brilliant” **Luigi Mansani** has more than 25 years’ experience handling sophisticated intellectual property disputes in the life sciences sector.

Riccardo Fruscalzo is “an active figure in the market” and wins praise for his expertise advising pharmaceutical companies on sophisticated regulatory matters and patent disputes.

Bird & Bird is widely regarded as a giant in the intellectual property space. Three top patent litigators are highlighted for their excellent work in life sciences.

Mauro Turrini is “an expert in Italian and EU pharmaceutical law” heralded particularly for his skill in regulatory matters. He is “a fantastic team player” according to commentators, who appreciate his “timely and efficient support”.

“Outstanding patent litigator” **Giovanni Galimberti** is “an absolute star” say sources, who are quick to highlight his vast experience representing pharmaceutical and medical device companies.

Respondents would “definitely endorse” **Massimiliano Mostardini**, “an IP star” who is “renowned for his patent litigation practice”. He regularly advises life sciences companies on the full range of domestic and pan-European contentious IP matters.

Trevisan & Cuonzo Avvocati boasts a strong presence in the sector, achieving two listings.

Luca Trevisan enjoys an “excellent reputation” in the market as one of Italy’s leading litigators. Over his 30-year career, he represented of some of the biggest names in the pharmaceutical sector in an array of landmark cases.

“Standout lawyer” **Gabriel Cuonzo** is a leading figure in the market who receives wide-ranging endorsements for “excellent” track record representing major pharmaceutical companies in multi-jurisdictional IP litigation.

Two exceptional practitioners from Franzosi Dal Negro Setti are recognised in our research.

Mario Franzosi is “a strong patent litigator in the life sciences space”, say sources. He is a “very knowledgeable” practitioner with more than 40 years’ experience in the field.

Francesco Setti receives widespread acclaim from respondents, who consider him “a real life sciences specialist”. He is highly sought after thanks to his expertise in pharmaceutical law.

The “fantastic” **Paola Sangiovanni** at Gitti and Partners is “a truly dedicated life sciences expert”, who is considered “a great deal-maker”. Her transactional expertise in the life sciences space is in high demand, thanks to her “client-focused approach and excellent service”.

Agostino Migone De Amicis at Pavia e Ansaldo Studio Legale is “a real expert” who “stands out for his regulatory expertise”. He is noted for his excellent work in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and advanced therapy sectors.

Diego Vaiano at Studio Legale Vaiano Cataldo is “one of the best when it comes to administrative litigation”, according to commentators. He is “excellent for Italian regulatory matters” and consistently impresses clients with his “great professionalism and creative approach”.

DLA Piper’s **Roberto Valenti** is “very prominent in the contentious IP space” and is endorsed as “a leader in the life sciences field” by one impressed source, thanks to his “strong expertise in the sector”.

With more than 20 years’ experience, **Sara Biglieri** at Dentons boasts “an impressive knowledge of the industry”. She is “top for life sciences litigation”, according to one source, and also wins praise for her fantastic work in the product liability space.

Laura Orlando at Herbert Smith Freehills is “set apart from the competition” with her “unique combination of patent and regulatory expertise”. One interviewee effuses: “She is one of the most respected figures in life sciences patent litigation in Italy.”