

Dr. Rachel Gribben

Senior Scientist

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Biography

As part of Hogan Lovells' Science Unit, Rachel has more than 17 years' experience of assisting lawyers on scientific and medical issues. She provides objective technical advice which is tailored for use by the legal team in advising clients. This might involve summarising a complex scientific paper for a non-scientist, undertaking an extensive literature review for the purposes of drafting a Defence or identifying the right expert for the case.

Rachel has advised on scientific issues in relation to product liability litigation, environmental litigation, regulatory matters, patent disputes and advertising claims. Although based in the London office, Rachel frequently assists lawyers in other countries, and in particular has extensive experience of helping to co-ordinate the scientific aspects of cases where claims are brought in several jurisdictions. She has worked with the legal team on high profile group actions involving the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine, a withdrawn painkiller and metal-on-metal hip replacements.

Before joining Hogan Lovells, Rachel completed a PhD in Developmental Biology at University College London, based at Great Ormond Street Hospital and has worked with experts across a range of academic and clinical disciplines. She has published original scientific articles, book chapters and review papers as well as articles on



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Languages

English

Industries

Consumer

Life Sciences and Health Care

Areas of focus

Digital Health

Medical Devices

Medical Foods and Dietary
Supplements

Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology

topical scientific issues in the legal press.

Representative experience

Assisting with the Defence of a manufacturer of the MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine in the English product liability litigation

Assisting with the Defence of the manufacturer of a painkiller in relation to product liability litigation

Providing scientific advice to a major confectionery and pet food manufacturer in relation to global standards on food safety and manufacturing

Assisting with the Defence of medical device manufacturers in relation to claims alleging defects in hip prostheses

Providing scientific and medical evidence to support nuclear test veterans and other ex-servicemen in their claims for war pensions (pro-bono)

Latest thinking and events

- Published Works
 - The controversy over gene-editing
- Press Releases
 - Media briefing note Controversy over gene editing comment Hogan Lovells as Chinese research greeted with consternation
- ■ Hogan Lovells Life Sciences Summit 2018
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Life sciences and health care horizons

Education and admissions

Education

PhD Developmental Biology, University College London, 1999

B.Sc. Biology, University of Southampton, 1994

Memberships

British Society of Developmental Biology

British Pharmacological Society

Accolades

"The firm also wins plaudits for its dedicated Science Unit, comprising post-graduate scientists who, according to clients, act as a 'brilliant interface between in-house lawyers, [Hogan Lovells] lawyers and the scientists'."

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