

Sidley Launches Major UK Life Sciences Practice With Marie Manley

Maria Isabel (Marie) Manley has joined **Sidley Austin LLP** in London as a partner in its global Life Sciences practice. She will lead the Life Sciences team in London. Manley joins Sidley from Bristows LLP, where she was the leader of its Life Sciences regulatory department.

Manley works in EU life sciences law. In a release, the firm said Manley represents development-stage, specialty and established global life sciences companies, and concentrates her practices on both European and UK life sciences regulatory law. She has experience on issues arising during the life cycle of medicinal products, including advertising, product liability and competition. Manley also advises clients in the chemical, medical devices, cosmetics and food sectors, and has represented clients in proceedings before both national and European courts and the regulatory agencies in the UK and across Europe, the firm said.

“Marie’s arrival signals our ongoing commitment to global life sciences and the London market,” said Matthew Dening, managing partner of Sidley’s London office. “Marie’s deep understanding of the EU and UK regulatory climates and her extensive experience in contentious proceedings will enhance our offering to life sciences clients. We are pleased to announce that she’s chosen to join Sidley.”

“I am delighted to join Sidley, a global firm with a well-established reputation in the life sciences sector,” said Manley. “It provides a new and exciting platform to grow and develop my practice and assist my clients in a globalized world where bio/pharma companies are facing multiple cross-

border challenges in which consistency of approach in all key jurisdictions is paramount.”