

# Novartis Unveils Legal Leadership Change as Biotech Hiring Booms

“Novartis AG announced Friday that its global head of litigation, Thomas Kendris, will on an interim basis succeed its outgoing chief legal officer Shannon Thyme Klinger,” reports Brian Baxter in *Bloomberg Law’s Business and Practice*.

“Novartis said in a statement that Klinger will depart the Swiss drug giant March 15 to return to the U.S. and take a job at ‘a biotechnology company.’ Novartis didn’t identify the company and declined to discuss Klinger’s new role. Klinger didn’t respond to a request for comment on the matter.”

“Her move is the latest in a series of comings-and-goings by law department leaders working for biotechnology startups, drug developers, and medical equipment manufacturers. The health care, life sciences, and pharmaceutical sectors have been busy hiring lawyers within the past year, in part due to the increased demands on some companies stemming from the coronavirus pandemic.”

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