

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title	Corporate Counsel
Grade	4 - Director
Reports to	General Counsel
Department	Legal Affairs
Hours	Full Time
Location	White City, London, United Kingdom

About Autolus

Autolus is a publicly-traded, clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing next-generation, programmed T cell therapies for the treatment of cancer. Using a broad suite of proprietary and modular T cell programming technologies, the company is engineering precisely targeted, controlled and highly active T cell therapies that are designed to better recognise cancer cells, break down their defence mechanisms and eliminate these cells. Autolus has a pipeline of product candidates in development for the treatment of haematological malignancies and solid tumours.

This is a fantastic opportunity to join a fast-moving, innovative company that's going places, and to make a real impact.

Role Summary

The Corporate Counsel will provide a broad range of legal support to Autolus within R&D, manufacturing and corporate functions. As the senior UK-based member of the legal team, the Corporate Counsel will work with senior executives and other stakeholders within the company on critical business initiatives. As part of a close-knit legal team, currently consisting of the General Counsel and Corporate Paralegal, the successful candidate will be an important pillar in building the legal function and capabilities at Autolus.

Key Responsibilities

- Offering counsel on a variety of legal issues, particularly with respect to UK corporate, contract and employment law, legal disputes, and legal issues arising in life sciences businesses
- Leading or participating in the negotiation and drafting of strategic and commercial agreements for the company
- Designing and implementing improved processes, including for managing the lifecycle of contracts
- Supporting the establishment of a corporate compliance programme, and providing guidance to UK employees on legal and compliance topics
- Establishing an in-house legal training programme and overseeing solicitor training for the current Corporate Paralegal
- Supporting the General Counsel as required

E – Essential

P – Preferred

Experience and Skills

- At least 5 plus years of professional qualified experience representing clients in the life sciences industry in corporate or transactional matters (E), whether gained in a law firm or in-house
- Strong interpersonal and presentation skills, along with the ability to communicate effectively with others at all levels of the organization (E)
- Strong strategic and negotiation skills regarding legal, intellectual property and commercial issues (E)
- Solutions-orientation with strong business focus (E)
- Ability to assess business risks and find pragmatic solutions within ethical and legal boundaries (E)
- Demonstrated ability to work independently with little or no supervision (E)
- Ability to establish and maintain strong relationships within the Company's legal department and across all departments (E)
- Experience with the implementation of cloud-based systems for management of contracts, corporate entities or employee stock options (P)
- Experience with reporting and compliance responsibilities for UK-based issuers with NASDAQ-traded securities (P)
- Experience supervising solicitor trainees (P)

Qualifications

- At least 5 years or more PQE
- Admitted to practice in the UK (E)
- Law degree from a recognized university (E)