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“Claudio has very good knowledge of Swiss life sciences law and he is very nice to work with.”- Client in Chambers Europe 2022

Claudio Helmle is a recognized expert in the field of life sciences. His areas of expertise specifically include the pharmaceutical and biotech fields (e.g. authorizations and approvals, inclusion of products in the federally approved drugs list, reimbursement for advanced therapy medicinal products, advertising and product recalls) and medtech (e.g. authorization, labeling and obligations of economic players). Claudio is also active in the healthcare sector (e.g. official licenses for doctors, practices and hospitals to practice their profession and for their work to be covered by the social health insurance). He advises and represents clients from these sectors in all legal matters concerning their professional activities, and specifically matters of research and development, manufacturing and sales. He also advises his clients in the areas of (product) liability law, antitrust and competition law, contract law, general civil and administrative law, as well as national and international civil procedure laws.

Claudio is listed as a life sciences expert in the Chambers and Partners and Who is Who Legal international lawyer directories.

Expertise

Life Sciences, Healthcare, Pharmaceuticals, and Biotechnology

Antitrust and Competition Law

Insurance and Liability

Startup & Venture Capital Desk

Dispute Resolution and Litigation

Career

- Since 2022
  Partner at Kellerhals Carrard
- 2012 – 2021
  Attorney at Kellerhals Attorneys Bern, now Kellerhals Carrard
- 2009 – 2011
  Internships in court and in a law firm

Memberships

- Swiss Bar Association (SAV/FSA)
- Bern Bar Association (BAV)
- International Bar Association (IBA)
- International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA)

Education

- 2022
  Dr. iur., University of Bern
- 2012
  Admitted to the bar, Canton Bern
- 2011
  MLaw, University of Bern

Other Activities

- Co-publisher of the journal Life Science Recht (Stämpfli)
- Co-conference chair of the Berner Zeitung on life science law

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Languages

German, English

Publications & Presentations

Rechtsprechungsupdate zur Spezialitätenliste, LSR 2024 S. 91	Claudio Helmle	2024
Laura Vogt/Gilles Aebischer/Claudio Helmle: Entwurf zu einer Neuregelung zur Vergütung von Arzneimitteln im Einzelfall, LSR 2023 S. 153	Claudio Helmle	2023
Laura Vogt/Gilles Aebischer/Claudio Helmle/Andreas Wildi: Revision der KVV und KLV: WZW-Prüfung von Arzneimitteln und Einzelfallvergütung, LSR 2024 S. 33	Claudio Helmle	2023
Unterlagenschutz für bedeutenden klinischen Nutzen sowie Orphan Drugs betreffend Humanarzneimittel (Art. 11b Abs. 2 und 4 HMG), Basel 2023	Claudio Helmle	2023
Rechtsprechungsupdate, LSR 2022 S. 157	Patrick Mettler Claudio Helmle	2022
Rechtsprechungsupdate, LSR 2022 S. 100	Patrick Mettler Claudio Helmle	2022
Andreas Uttenweiler/Claudio Helmle: Zugang zu Orphan Drugs in der Schweiz, LSR 2022 S. 143	Claudio Helmle	2022
Wirtschaftlichkeit von Arzneimitteln der Spezialitätenliste, LSR 2022 S. 55	Claudio Helmle	2022
Unterstützungsbeiträge im Bereich des Heilmittelrechts, Zeitschrift Life Science Recht 2/2020 (als Co-Autor von Patrick Mettler und Annina Lienhard) Life Science Recht (LSR), Stämpfli Verlag	Claudio Helmle Patrick Mettler	2020
Das «Snus-Verbot»: Das BAG und der Bundesrat auf Irrwegen, in: Jusletter 15. Mai 2017 Jusletter - Weblaw	Claudio Helmle Patrick Mettler	2017

Rankings & Awards

Legal 500 2026: A year of work with our clients reflected in the rankings	March 30, 2026
Chambers Europe 2026: Recognition that reflects our clients' trust	March 19, 2026
Committed to Clients, Recognised for Excellence – Chambers Europe 2025	March 20, 2025
Kellerhals Carrard Earns Top Honors in Chambers Europe 2024	March 14, 2024
Kellerhals Carrard recognised in Chambers Europe 2023	March 20, 2023