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New leading Life Sciences partner joins Gorrissen Federspiel

Highly specialised legal advice in life science is an increasingly important business area. Gorrissen Federspiel's new partner Martin Dræbye Gantzhorn will contribute to this.

"Life Sciences is a key business area for Gorrissen Federspiel. We have a strategic ambition to expand this area and position Gorrissen Federspiel as the leading life science law firm in Denmark. With Martin Dræbye Gantzhorn as a new partner, we are strategically and significantly strengthening our Life Sciences team," says Martin André Dittmer, Managing Partner.

The new partner will be an important asset in the strategic expansion of the Life Sciences team.

"Martin Dræbye Gantzhorn is widely recognised in the life science industry for his *track record* and his high level of specialisation in business-critical life science issues, which is confirmed by the *Global Thought Leader - Life Science (regulatory) award*, which he has received for the past three years as the only one in Denmark and one of few in Europe. Martin will significantly strengthen our life science profile. With the addition of Martin, we have a strong, market-leading profile in all areas relevant to life science, allowing us to serve our clients in an even broader and more specialised way."

Denmark is a major player in the life science field. Today, pharmaceutical exports alone account for 17% (DKK 158 billion) of total Danish exports – a doubling in 10 years. Demand for Danish goods and services is increasing. So is the complexity of regulation and competition in the life science field and, thus, the need for highly specialised legal assistance.

Niels Bang, partner and chairman of the board, who, among other things, focuses on life science transactions, explains:

"We're strengthening the depth of our advice across the board. This applies to M&A transactions, financing rounds, licence and option agreements, product development and launches as well as day-to-day advice to the industry. Martin strengthens and complements our life science focus perfectly. And we get a partner colleague who, in addition to his deep professionalism, has a sharp commercial approach," says Niels Bang.

Martin Dræbye Gantzhorn adds:

"Gorrissen Federspiel offers uncompromising professionalism and commercial understanding - a focus that is a perfect match for the life science industry and me. The coming years offer great opportunities and challenges for the industry – this calls for high-level advice in all areas that affect the industry. I'm looking forward to being part of a leading life science team that can assist innovative international and national players navigate in the best possible way," concludes Martin Dræbye Gantzhorn.

The expansion of the Life Sciences team follows a number of strategic initiatives. These include recruitment and appointment of new partners with unique specialist competencies that enable Gorrissen Federspiel to match clients' needs for highly specialised advice. Martin Dræbye Gantzhorn joins Gorrissen Federspiel from his position as partner at the law firm Bech-Bruun and will join the firm on 1 January 2025 at the latest.

Martin Dræbye Gantzhorn (47)

Martin Dræbye Gantzhorn graduated with a Master of Laws degree from the University of Copenhagen in 2003. He has been a partner at Bech-Bruun for seven years, the last four of which he has been a member of the firm's board of directors.

Over the past 20 years, Martin Dræbye Gantzhorn has built specialist knowledge of the key business conditions for the life science industry. As one of Denmark's most sought-after life science attorneys, Martin Dræbye Gantzhorn advises leading Danish and international innovative companies on business-critical and legal matters of key importance to the companies' business environment and their products. Martin Dræbye Gantzhorn advises on complex and business-critical IP cases, research and development, product launches, transactions and product liability.

Martin Dræbye Gantzhorn is married to Rikke Dræbye Gantzhorn and is the father of Christoffer and William, both 14 years old.

Memberships

- Member of the board, Life Science Law DK
- IBA Life Science & Healthcare Committee Officer, European Liaison
- Member, EPLAW (European Patent Lawyers Association)
- Member, EFLA (European Food Lawyers Association)
- Member, EPLA (European Pharmaceutical Lawyers Association)
- Member, LES (Licensing Executives Society), Past President LES Scandinavia
- Member, IBA (International Bar Association)
- Member, INTA (International Trademark Association)

About Gorrissen Federspiel

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