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## Healthcare and Life Sciences In-House and Compliance Compensation Report

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## Introduction from BarkerGilmore's Healthcare and Life Sciences Experts


#### Abstract

Within healthcare and life sciences companies, compensation data is crucial for attracting and retaining top talent, establishing effective organizational structures, and ensuring competitive compensation packages drive performance and value creation. The availability of accurate and comprehensive compensation data enables companies to make informed decisions regarding executive compensation, equity incentives, and overall compensation strategies.


BarkerGilmore's expertise in legal and compliance executive search, leadership development, and organizational optimization offers invaluable insights and guidance to help organizations navigate the complex landscape of talent acquisition and pay strategies. We hope the data provided in this report is enlightening and helpful for healthcare and life sciences professionals.


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Brittney McDonough is Partner and Chair of the Healthcare and Life Sciences Practice at BarkerGilmore. She partners with executive leadership on a national platform and focuses on identifying and delivering top legal and compliance talent across a wide range of organizations including service providers, insurers, senior living, health IT, medical devices, and pharmaceutical companies. Committed to understanding her clients' unique needs, Brittney deploys an extremely personalized, client-centric approach and builds trust and rapport with ease. Her unique ability to see beyond the resume - along with her tailored execution of BarkerGilmore's CustomFitSM assessment processensures an exceptional cultural fit for client and candidate alike, leading to high stick rates.

She has presented at national conferences on the legal hiring market, pay trends, and the importance of self-advocacy for women lawyers. Her insights on gender compensation trends in healthcare and life sciences have been quoted in law.com.


Katie Gilmore is a Managing Director at BarkerGilmore, a highly accomplished executive recruiter with a specialization in healthcare and life sciences placements. With an extensive background in talent acquisition and a profound knowledge of the healthcare industry, Katie has successfully connected top-tier professionals with leading organizations in the field. Throughout her career, Katie has successfully placed executives in key leadership positions, including General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officers, and their strategic reports. Her ability to understand client strategic goals and vision allows her to match candidates who can drive organizational growth and success.

With a passion for helping mission-driven healthcare and life sciences companies thrive, Katie has built a reputation for delivering exceptional results. Her expertise lies in identifying and attracting top executive talent across various disciplines, including pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, medical devices, health systems, and healthcare services.

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## Key Compensation Trends

1. Overall Compensation: The median total compensation at private healthcare companies is $\$ 325,000$, compared to $\$ 400,000$ at public companies. Total compensation at private life sciences companies is $\$ 431,000$ versus $\$ 478,000$ at public companies. Credentials in the form of law school rank and law firm experience significantly impact total compensation across all positions regardless of industry, company type, or company revenue. The life sciences industry compensates more than the healthcare industry.
2. Healthcare:

- Chief Compliance Officers at \$10B+ private healthcare companies make $47 \%$ more in total compensation than those at $<\$ 500 \mathrm{M}$ private companies. The gap grows within public healthcare companies, as CCOs at $\$ 10 \mathrm{~B}+$ companies make $88 \%$ more in total compensation than those at $<\$ 500 \mathrm{M}$ public companies. CCOs at public healthcare companies make an average of $72 \%$ more in total compensation than their counterparts at private companies, primarily due to long-term incentives.
- General Counsel at public healthcare companies make double the total compensation of their private company counterparts at every revenue stage due to the long-term incentives they receive. Similarly, within public and private healthcare companies, the General Counsel at \$10B+ companies make double that of $<\$ 500 \mathrm{M}$ companies. Healthcare General Counsel that attended a Top 50 law school make 93\% more at private companies and $48 \%$ more at public companies than those who attended a 100+ ranked school. Top 50 law firm experience provides a $79 \%$ total compensation increase for healthcare General Counsel.
- Managing Counsel at public healthcare companies make an average of $49 \%$ more than their private company counterparts. Healthcare Managing Counsel with a Top 50 JD make $43 \%$ more in total compensation than those with a 100+ ranking. Healthcare Managing Counsel with Top 50 law firm experience make $75 \%$ more than those without law firm experience.
- Senior Counsel at public and private healthcare companies make similar base and bonuses, but the total compensation for private Senior Counsel is $16 \%$ less than public due to the long-term incentive received at public companies.


## 3. Life Sciences:

- Chief Compliance Officers at \$10B+ private life sciences companies make 37\% more in total compensation than those at $<\$ 500 \mathrm{M}$ private companies. CCOs at $\$ 10 \mathrm{~B}+$ public life sciences companies make nearly double ( $95 \%$ ) in total compensation than those at $<\$ 500 \mathrm{M}$ public companies. CCOs at public life sciences companies make an average of $24 \%$ more in total compensation than their counterparts at private companies.
- General Counsel at life sciences companies are slightly more likely to report to the CEO (93\%) than healthcare General Counsel (89\%). Life sciences General Counsel are more likely to serve as CCO and Corporate Secretary, whereas healthcare General Counsel are more likely to be responsible for government affairs. Top 50 law firm experience provides a $55 \%$ total compensation increase for life sciences General Counsel.
- Managing Counsel at life sciences companies make $56 \%$ more in total compensation with a Top 50 JD and $37 \%$ more with Top 50 law firm experience. Managing Counsel at public life sciences companies make an average of $50 \%$ more than their private company counterparts.
- Senior Counsel at public life sciences companies make an average of $9 \%$ more than their private company counterparts. Senior Counsel with top law firm experience make $54 \%$ more at private companies and $55 \%$ more at public companies than Senior Counsel without law firm experience.


## Survey Design

BarkerGilmore conducted an online survey in March 2023 to assess in-house counsel and compliance compensation trends for the year 2022. The online survey was administered to a random sample of in-house counsel at various levels of seniority within different-sized public and private organizations across the United States. The following table presents the data categories captured by the survey through a combination of multiplechoice and open-ended questions answered by 500 individuals from an assortment of healthcare and life science sub-industries.

## Table 1: Key Survey Terms

Term Description

## Data Methods \& Analysis

## Measure of Central Tendency

This report utilizes median as the main method of standardization for the sample statistics collected from the 2023 Compensation Survey. The median can be described as the middle or central value in a given sequence of numbers. In an even set of numbers, the median is calculated as the average of the two middle numbers. This survey report applies median calculation for all numeric data reported unless otherwise specified.

## Missing Data

While our survey data are nearly complete, we acknowledge the data that are missing due to non-response or misinterpretation. Some respondents opted out of answering a specific question, while others provided unsuitable answers to questions. Since very few cases of missing data occurred, we chose to employ listwise deletion on a question-by-question basis to eliminate incomplete or inappropriate responses.

## Position Breakdown

This report contains data from three distinct classes of in-house counsel: General Counsel, Managing Counsel, and Senior Counsel. These three classes are largely determined by seniority, experience, and management level, causing compensation to vary across position. Therefore, the greater part of this report is dedicated to the analysis of compensation trends for each individual position.

## Prominent Determinants of Compensation

After extensive statistical analysis of the survey data, JD School, law firm experience, and practice area appear to impact compensation significantly for all three positions. The data visualizations presented in the ensuing report reflect this breakdown of determinants.

## Disclaimer of Approximation

The data displayed in this report were collected from a wide variety of in-house counsel whose compensation figures are highly dependent on a multitude of different intervening variables. For the purpose of simple interpretation, the complex statistical relationships that resulted from these variables are not included in this report. Thus, the preceding trends should be considered approximations of compensation data that are ultimately contingent upon numerous influences taken together.

## Confidentiality

BarkerGilmore takes protecting the privacy of those who participated in our compensation survey seriously, since confidentiality is the cornerstone of our business. The information provided by survey respondents remains anonymous and will not be shared with anyone.

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# Survey Respondents 

Demographics

This section displays response rates and general characteristics of the survey.

## Response Distribution by Position



■ Chief Compliance Officer
■ General Counsel

- Managing Counsel
- Senior Counsel

Figure 1.1: Response Distribution by Position, \%
Response Breakdown by Organization Type

$■$ Public
Private

Figure 1.2: Response Distribution by Organization Type, \%

## Response Breakdown by Location Type



■ Major metropolitan, large city area
$\square$ Mid-sized metropolitan, city area
■Small city, rural area

Figure 1.3: Response Distribution by Location Type, \%
Response Breakdown by Organization Revenue


Figure 1.4: Response Distribution by Organization Revenue, \%

## Response Breakdown by Sub-Industry



Figure 1.5: Response Distribution by Sub-Industry, \%

## Response Breakdown by Gender



- Female ■ Male

■ Other

Figure 1.6: Response Distribution by Gender, \%

Response Breakdown by JD Year


Figure 1.7: Response Distribution by JD Year, \%

## Response Breakdown by Law School Rank



- No JD/Compliance Professional
-100+
- 50-100
- Top 50

Figure 1.8: Response Distribution by Law School Rank, \%

Response Breakdown by Law Firm Experience


Figure 1.9: Response Distribution by Law Firm Experience, \%

# Healthcare \& Life Sciences Collective 

Compensation Trends

## Compensation Relative to Peers by Industry



Figure 2.1: Compensation Relative to Peers by Industry, All Positions, \%
Likelihood of a Compensation-Motivated Job Search by Industry


Figure 2.2: Likelihood of a Compensation-Motivated Job Search by Industry, All Positions, \%

Total Compensation by Industry and Company Type


Figure 2.3: Total Compensation by Industry and Company Type, All Positions, \%

## Years in Current Position



Figure 2.4: Total Compensation by Years in Current Position, All Positions, \%

# Healthcare \& Life Sciences Chief Compliance Officer 

Compensation Trends

## Chief Compliance Officer - Healthcare Compensation Breakdown

Base Salary


Long Term Incentive (LTI)


Bonus


Total Compensation


Figure 3.1: Compensation Breakdown by Organizational Revenue, Company Type, Chief Compliance Officer - Healthcare, \$

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Chief Compliance Officer — Life Sciences Compensation Breakdown

Base Salary


Long Term Incentive (LTI)


Bonus


Total Compensation


Figure 3.2: Compensation Breakdown by Organizational Revenue, Company Type, Chief Compliance Officer - Life Sciences, \$

Total Compensation by Law School Rank

3.3: Total Compensation by Law School Rank, Company Type, Chief Compliance Officer, \$

Total Compensation by Law Firm Experience

3.4: Total Compensation by Law Firm Experience, Company Type, Chief Compliance Officer, \$

# Healthcare \& Life Sciences General Counsel 

Compensation Trends

## General Counsel - Healthcare Compensation Breakdown

$\square$ Private $\square$ Public

Base Salary


Long Term Incentive (LTI)


Bonus


Total Compensation


Figure 4.1: Compensation Breakdown by Organizational Revenue, Company Type, General Counsel - Healthcare, \$

General Counsel - Life Sciences Compensation Breakdown

$\square$ Private $\square$ Public

Base Salary


Long Term Incentive (LTI)
$\$ 1,200,000 \longrightarrow$


Bonus


Total Compensation



Figure 4.2: Compensation Breakdown by Organizational Revenue, Company Type, General Counsel - Life Sciences, \$

## General Counsel Reporting Structure



Figure 4.3: General Counsel Reporting Structure, \%
General Counsel Number of Additional Responsibilities


Figure 4.4: General Counsel Number of Additional Responsibilities, \%

## General Counsel Additional Responsibility Breakdown


4.5: General Counsel Additional Responsibility Breakdown, \%

Total Compensation by Law School Rank


[^1]Total Compensation by Law Firm Experience

4.7: Total Compensation by Law Firm Experience, General Counsel, \$

# Healthcare \& Life Sciences Managing Counsel 

Compensation Trends

Managing Counsel — Healthcare Compensation Breakdown

Base Salary


Long Term Incentive (LTI)


Bonus


Total Compensation


Figure 5.1: Compensation Breakdown by Organizational Revenue, Company Type, Managing Counsel - Healthcare, \$

Managing Counsel - Life Sciences Compensation Breakdown

Private $\square$ Public

Base Salary


Long Term Incentive (LTI)



Bonus


Total Compensation


Figure 5.2: Compensation Breakdown by Organizational Revenue, Company Type, Managing Counsel - Life Sciences, \$

Total Compensation by Law School Rank

5.3: Total Compensation by Law School Rank, Managing Counsel, \$

Total Compensation by Law Firm Experience

5.4: Total Compensation by Law Firm Experience, Managing Counsel, \$

# Healthcare \& Life Sciences Senior Counsel 

Compensation Trends

# Senior Counsel - Healthcare Compensation Breakdown 

Base Salary


Long Term Incentive (LTI)


Bonus


Total Compensation


Figure 6.1: Compensation Breakdown by Organizational Revenue, Company Type, Senior Counsel - Healthcare, \$

Senior Counsel — Life Sciences Compensation Breakdown

Base Salary


Long Term Incentive (LTI)


Bonus



Total Compensation


Figure 6.2: Compensation Breakdown by Organizational Revenue, Company Type, Senior Counsel - Life Sciences, \$

Total Compensation by Law School Rank

6.3: Total Compensation by Law School Rank, Senior Counsel, \$

Total Compensation by Law Firm Experience

6.4: Total Compensation by Law Firm Experience, Senior Counsel, \$

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[^0]:    BarkerGilmore acknowledges the importance of compensation breakdowns for organizations and their human resources departments to formulate pay strategies and for lawyers looking to expand their roles or leverage experience for new positions. While this report aims to provide a comprehensive breakdown of legal department compensation structures, we must advise that there are several additional variables that must always be considered when dealing with compensation figures. These variables include an individual's unique experiences, abilities, and interpersonal skills, as well as the organization's financial position and the strength of the local economy.

    To present the most valuable and reliable data, BarkerGilmore has combined its expertise in executive legal recruitment and consulting with extensive survey data to highlight a diverse array of healthcare and life sciences counsel compensation. The information in this report is meant to provide general guidelines, and while it delivers extremely detailed information, we urge readers to consider the multitude of factors affecting the results and to focus on overall data trends displayed in the graphs and charts.

[^1]:    4.6: Total Compensation by Law School Rank, General Counsel, \$

