

# Webcast: Life Sciences 2024 Outlook

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The past five years have been particularly tumultuous in the biopharma sector. Strong capital markets and M&A activity into early 2020 were whipsawed during the pandemic, with equity valuations climbing significantly through early 2021 before dropping dramatically through the fourth quarter of 2023. Join our team of seasoned attorneys and industry leaders where we provide a recap of 2023 highlights for capital markets, M&A activity, royalty finance transactions and clinical funding arrangements, along with expectations for the Life Sciences deal market in 2024.

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