

Dispute resolution

Defending and assisting you
in litigation and arbitration





What you need

Our Dispute Resolution team is on hand with strategic thinking and in-depth analysis to proactively address and resolve any disputes that crop up in the course of your business.

What you need when faced with a dispute is a partner you can trust to grasp the ins and outs of even the most complex and strategically important dossiers.

Each dispute is different: there are no one-size-fits-all solutions.

Each client is different, so we tailor our approach to your environment and the specific national or international market in which you operate.

And each case is different, so we promise to be there when you need us, including in critical situations such as emergency proceedings or searches in criminal or tax investigations.

Our experienced team of lawyers can assist with everything you need:

- assessing the strengths and weaknesses of your case;
- anticipating how much litigation could end up costing you, and helping you resolve the matter as swiftly as possible;
- ensuring that a dispute with a client or supplier does not derail the good relations you have built up with them;
- getting involved early on and steering you towards the most appropriate path: mediation, conciliation, litigation or arbitration;
- advising you to seek a settlement when it is in your best interests to do so;
- supporting you every step of the way and keeping you in the loop at all times.





What we offer

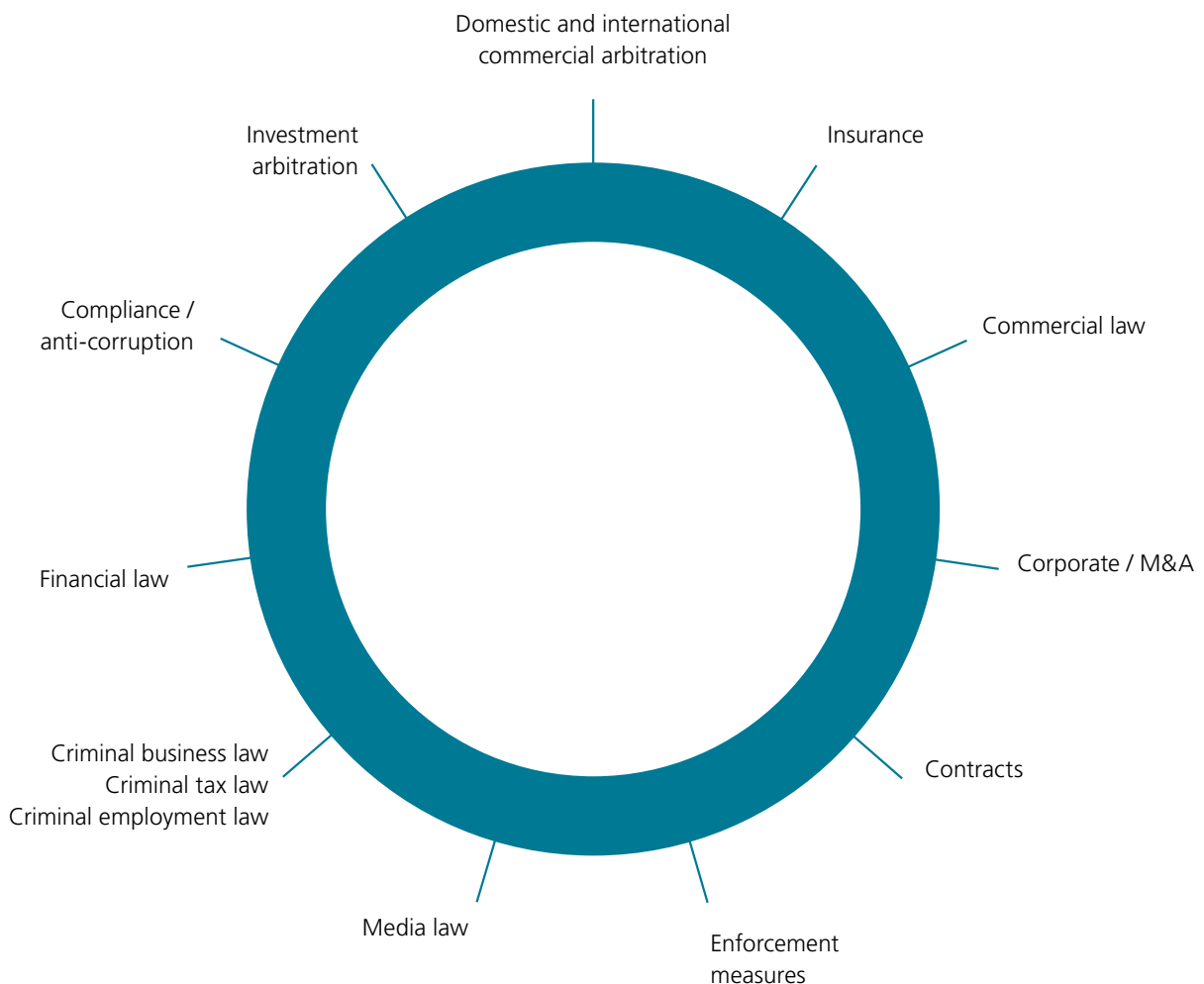
A full-service approach in both litigation and arbitration

We assist you at every stage in the proceedings, offering sector-specific know-how on top of our first-rate technical expertise in all areas of domestic and foreign law.

Our clients operate in a broad range of industries and sectors, from banking & finance to retail, energy, healthcare, technology and the public sector.

Thanks to our experience and familiarity with the specific nature of each of these sectors, we can quickly get up to speed on your business context to identify the most appropriate way of dealing with the issue that has brought you to us.

We work with major multinationals, mid-caps, SMEs, public bodies and authorities, as well as private individuals, and can advise on disputes involving all areas of law:





Unparalleled know-how

founded on deep-rooted and wide-ranging experience

As France's leading full-service international corporate law firm, CMS Francis Lefebvre has been a recognised pillar of the legal and business worlds for over 90 years.

Our prestigious, diverse and loyal client base, our innovative spirit and our high value-added consultancy services are what make us stand out.

We work closely with our clients as a trusted partner, helping them overcome any obstacles and offering advisory, transactional and litigation services. We assist them in their projects, secure their transactions and defend their interests.



International reach

founded on a worldwide network

With over 450 lawyers in France and more than 5,000 through our international network, our firm has a foothold in over 40 countries around the world.

Drawing on this network, our Dispute Resolution Department can put together a multi-national team capable of expertly handling all aspects of your legal concerns.

Africa Practice

We are also active in French-speaking North Africa and sub-Saharan Africa, where we offer our clients exceptional services, backed by our considerable experience, the specialist expertise of our teams on the ground in Algiers and Casablanca, and our extensive network of local partners and professionals.

China Desk

The French and Chinese lawyers on our firm's China Desk, set up in 2018, have over ten years' experience in helping Chinese clients navigate the legal and cultural complexities of operating in France. They work hand-in-hand with our Dispute Resolution team when needed.





Our global footprint

The Americas

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Europe

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| Belgrade | Glasgow | Monaco | Strasbourg |
| Bergen | Hamburg | Munich | Stuttgart |
| Berlin | Istanbul | Oslo | Tirana |
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| Bristol | Leipzig | Podgorica | Warsaw |
| Brussels | Lisbon | Poznan | Zagreb |
| Bucharest | Liverpool | Prague | Zurich |
| Budapest | Ljubljana | Reading | |
| Cologne | London | Rome | |
| Duesseldorf | Luxembourg | Sarajevo | |

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Top-flight services

founded on specialist expertise and a multi-disciplinary approach

Alongside our legal practice groups, CMS has a number of sector-expertise groups bringing together lawyers from different legal fields. Together, they gain a more comprehensive understanding of our clients' businesses, which complements our legal know-how.

These sector-expertise groups are instrumental in allowing us to take on major complex and cross-border matters.

We also have support from our Legal Intelligence and Knowledge Management teams, who compile all the latest legal news and thinking on the underlying issues and offer an analysis of prevailing trends.

The firm's Legal Intelligence Department, headed up by Bruno Dondero and Arnaud Reygrobellet, both professors of law in addition to being partners at the firm, provides invaluable input. The Dispute Resolution team also frequently consults the Tax and Employment Law Intelligence Departments. These departments provide our operational teams with a solid foundation in a constantly shifting environment, stimulating creative and immediately actionable solutions.

And this is what makes us such a valuable partner for our clients: we help them through their day-to-day business challenges while maintaining a forward-facing approach, guiding them towards a bright future.





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