

# CMS Monaco

Private Clients Team



Chambers & Partners : Private Wealth Law (Monaco)

» *They are an excellent firm, they certainly do a brilliant job for clients, says a commentator, before continuing: They have a brilliant understanding of client matters and are very solution-driven. They are probably my go-to law firm in Monaco.*

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» *Christine Pasquier Ciulla is a cut above the rest. I think she is absolutely excellent at what she does. Her strategic vision is excellent.*

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» *Raphaëlle Svara is a rising star who is very diligent and committed to getting clients a good result. She is very reasonable and intelligent.*

# Our Private Clients team

Our Private Clients team comprises **two partners**, each one being an expert in different fields of private law, and **associates** specialising in Monegasque and international private law. Our team has strong skills in **eight different languages** (French, English, Italian, German, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian and Arabic).

## Our Partners



**Christine Pasquier Ciulla**  
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Christine is one of the firm's founding partners. Widely recognised as one of the most experienced *Avocats-Défenseurs* in Monaco, Christine specialises in family law, international private law and trusts and estates law.

Providing both advice and litigation services, Christine assists and represents Monegasque and foreign private clients (HNWIs and UHNWIs), trusts and family offices.



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Raphaëlle acts for natural persons, family offices, trusts and foreign private entities in general, advising and representing them before both civil and criminal courts in Monaco. She specialises in international family law and international estate planning.

More specifically, Raphaëlle's practice focuses on national and international successions and divorces, the legal protection of adults and minors and inheritance law. Raphaëlle has a well-established expertise in private international law.



# How can we help you?

Our Private Clients team advises and represents Monegasque and international clients, offering both advice and litigation services in the various areas of expertise listed below.



## **International private law**

- Recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments and public documents
- Marriage contracts and matrimonial property settlements
- Divorce and legal separation
- Filiation and child support
- Estate and inheritance planning
- Representation and support for trustees in civil and criminal courts



## **Estate and inheritance law**

- Succession planning and wills
- Re-evaluation of choices for passing on an estate
- Amicable resolution of successions
- Succession disputes
- Requests to void a will
- Succession inventory and division of inheritance
- Protection of assets while awaiting resolution of a succession



## **Family law and matrimonial property settlements**

- Contentious and amicable divorces
- Recognition/challenging of paternity
- Drafting or amendment of marriage contracts
- Modification or settlement of matrimonial property arrangements
- Recognition of foreign marriage contracts in the Principality
- Adoption
- Cohabitation agreements



#### Protection of vulnerable adults and their assets

- Legal administration
- Legal protection of adults
- Judicial protection
- Enduring power of attorney



#### Name, nationality, residency

- Assistance in obtaining a residence permit
- Acquisition / renunciation of nationality
- Change of name



#### Protection of assets

- Enforcement of foreign judgments, arbitration awards and public documents
- Precautionary measures: sequestration, seizure, mortgage and replevin
- Monitoring of enforcement



#### Criminal law

- International criminal law: extradition, international rogatory commission
- Money laundering, fraud, abuse of trust, forgeries and use of forgeries
- Criminal law relating to family matters
- Abuse of vulnerable people
- Protection of privacy



#### Parental authority and child protection

- Support for the exercise of parental authority
- Disputes before the guardianship judge
- Enduring power of attorney for others
- Implementation of international agreements relating to children



#### Tax law

- Estate taxation
- Matrimonial property settlements
- International taxation agreements
- Monegasque tax residency
- International coordination



# Our law firm in Monaco

Our firm was founded in Monaco in 2009, by Christine Pasquier Ciulla, Olivier Marquet and Sophie Marquet.

We joined the CMS network in April 2017, before appointing two new partners: Stephan Pastor in 2018, followed by Raphaëlle Svava in 2019.

We provide our clients with multilingual teams, organized into seven expert teams, each specializing in a particular sector or area of law.

Our firm now has over 50 legal professionals, assisting, advising, and representing a wide range of clients including individuals and legal entities based in Monaco and around the world.

- Banking & Finance
- Business Law
- Employment Law
- Real Estate & Construction
- Private Clients
- Tax Law
- Criminal Law

## Market recognition

Our firm is regularly named by international rankings among Monaco's leading law firms:



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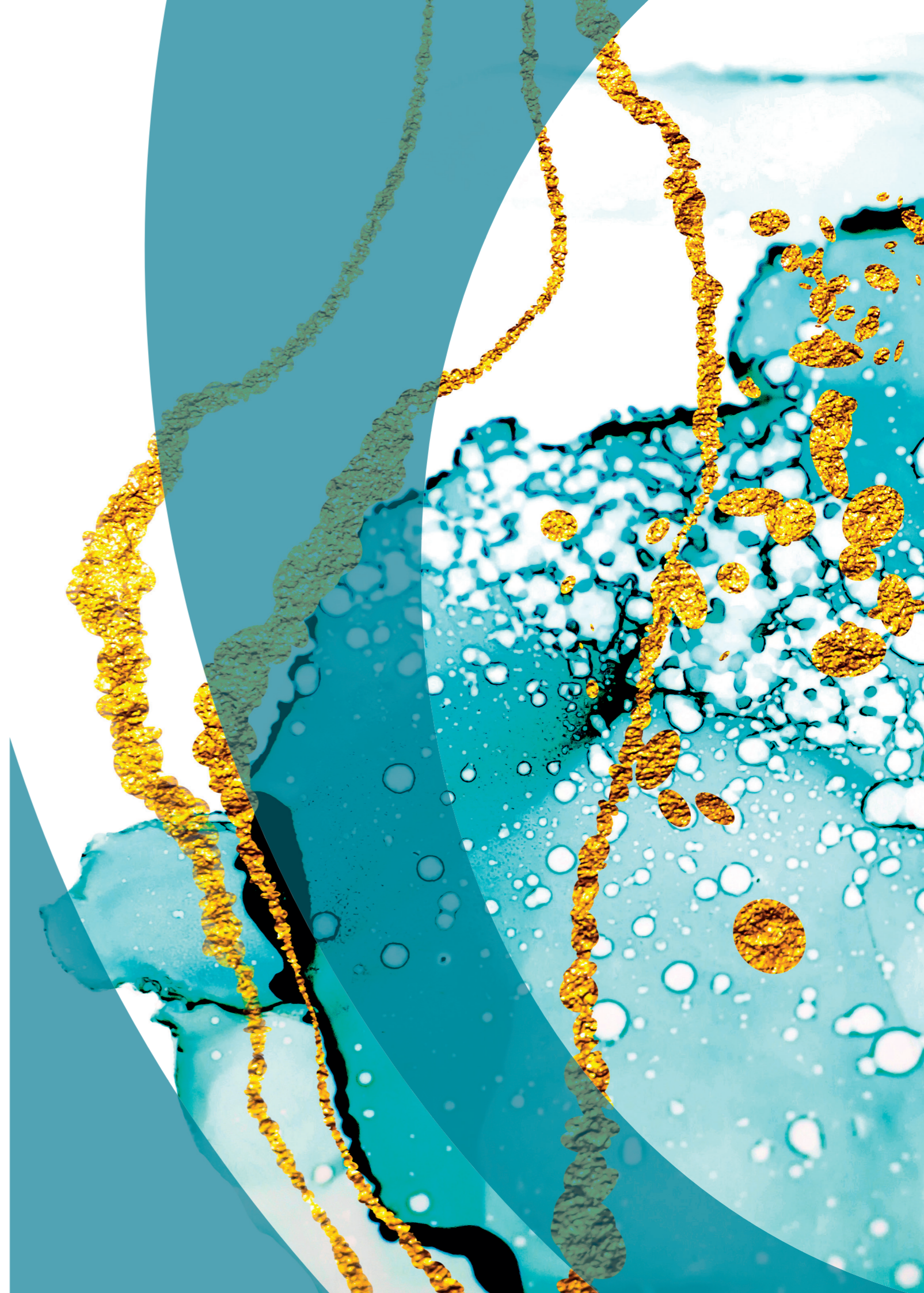
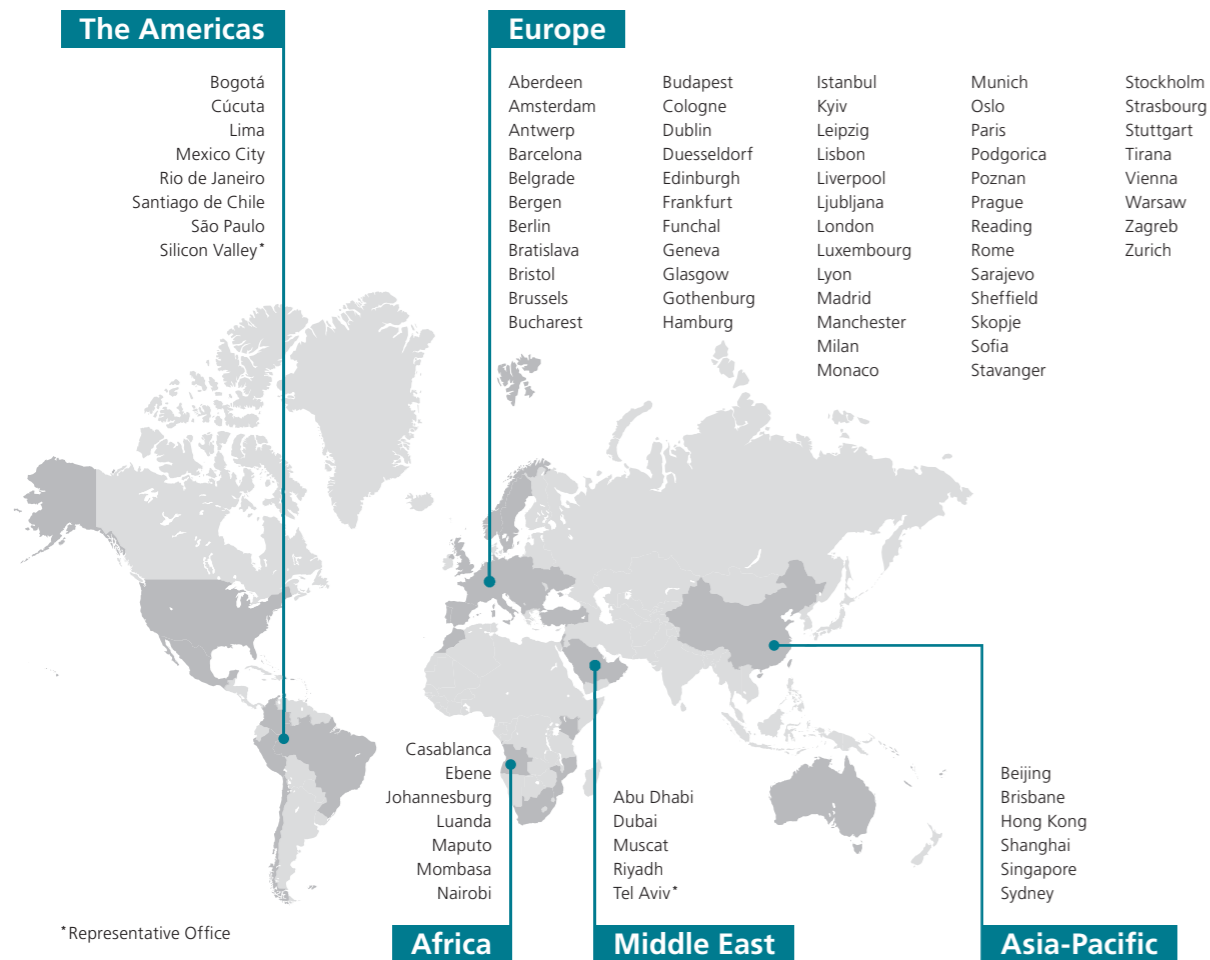
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We work with a wide range of clients, both local and international, including international groups, companies in a variety of sectors, banks and financial institutions, investors and private clients.

## Our global presence



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