

Defending and assisting you in the resolution of your disputes



Addressing your needs


To help you manage your disputes, our team dedicated to litigation and arbitration will support you by combining responsiveness, perceptiveness and foresight.

Managing disputes has become a major concern for companies. To help you resolve disputes, you need **counsels who can grasp complex and strategic problems**. You want to be able to analyse the strengths and weaknesses of a case, **anticipate costs** of litigation and **save time** in the handling of your disputes.


Are you looking for a counsel who understands the need to **preserve relations** with customers and suppliers, during a dispute?

Are you looking for a counsel who will assist you from the pre-litigation stage of a dispute to its end, who proposes **legal strategies tailored to your case** (mediation, conciliation, judicial litigation or arbitration) and who can advise you to resort to an amicable solution when it is in your best interest? Are you looking for a **counsel who is responsive and available**, and who will support you at every stage of the proceedings by keeping you regularly updated?

Our experienced and dedicated team of lawyers can efficiently accompany you in all your business issues.

 CMS provides “excellent work”, “*Relations with the lawyers are efficient and take place in complete confidence*”. The team is led by Jean-Fabrice Brun and Olivier Kuhn. The firm handles commercial disputes and was recently asked to intervene in disputes between shareholders.

Legal 500 Paris 2018 

 A team ranked by the magazine Option Droit et Affaires 2018 in the following categories:

- International Arbitration;
- Disputes relating to finance, the stock market and AMF regulations;
- Disputes relating to defective products and damages;
- Acquisition disputes (post-acquisition, pre-acquisition, shareholder disputes, liability guarantee enforcement, price adjustment).
- Business criminal law.

Option Droit & Affaires 2018 

What we offer

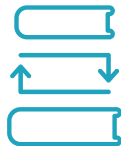
Our wide range of expertise, from litigation to arbitration in a national or international context, allows us to advise you at all stages of your proceedings.

Our clients come from all sectors of the economy, such as banking and finance, distribution, energy, healthcare, technology and public sector. Our experience and knowledge of all the challenges of these different sectors lets us efficiently understand your work environment and provide you with

appropriate solutions. We advise companies from major international groups to SMEs, as well as public institutions and authorities, individuals and family-owned groups, in all areas of business law.



**Associated/
post-acquisition
disputes**



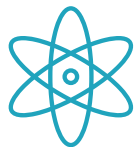
**Business
criminal law/
Criminal fiscal law/
Criminal labour law**



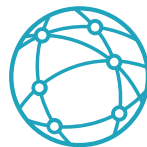
Commercial



**Compliance/
anti-corruption**



Corporate/M&A



**Domestic
and international
commercial
arbitration**



**Enforcement
procedures**



Financial



Insurance



**Investment
Arbitration**



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A strong team for stronger skills

The Litigation and Arbitration team benefits from the widely recognised expertise of the other CMS Francis Lefebvre Avocats teams, with whom they work collaborate, allowing them to offer our clients high-quality legal service and broad overview of every single case, in each and every situation.

The Litigation and Arbitration team also benefits from the skills of CMS Francis Lefebvre Avocats' renowned legal intelligence department answering to the most complex legal questions.

Our business, tax and employment legal intelligence departments are composed of lawyers, law professors and former professionals from the **AMF**, the **Conseil d'Etat** and the **tax administration**, and regularly participate in consultation and law reform projects.

- **Our business law intelligence team** is led by **Bruno Dondero**, partner and Associate Professor of the Faculties of Law with **Arnaud Reygrobellet**, partner and Professor of Law.
- **Our tax law intelligence team** is led by **Daniel Gutmann**, partner and Professor of Law, with **Elisabeth Ashworth**, partner specialises in VAT.
- Our Employment Intelligence and KM team is steered by **Olivier Dutheillet de Lamothe**, partner former President of the Section Sociale of the French Conseil d'Etat.

They are actively involved in resolving complex issues that arise in matters they deal with.



International expertise

CMS Francis Lefebvre Avocats is a leading member of CMS with more than 70 offices in over 40 countries across the world and employing more than 4,500 lawyers.

CMS has a wealth of experience in assistance and representation before state and arbitration courts.

The Litigation and Arbitration team maintains regular and close relations with Litigation and Arbitration teams from other firms in the CMS network in many international disputes.

In order to increase synergies in various fields of expertise, the Litigation and Arbitration teams in the CMS network, who have known each other and worked together for many years, regularly discuss the various laws applicable to each specific case.

CMS Francis Lefebvre Avocats has also been operating in the French-speaking countries of **Northern and Sub-Saharan Africa** for over 50 years. We offer efficient and constructive assistance to our clients thanks to our strong experience, the skills of our team of lawyers dedicated to these countries, our facilities in Algiers and **Casablanca** and our network of contacts with local professionals.

Furthermore, **China desk** joined our firm in 2018. Composed of Chinese and French lawyers, this bicultural and binational team benefits from more than 10 years of experience in advising Chinese clients and works closely with our Litigation and Arbitration team.

Widespread European presence, with clear strength in Germany, the UK and much of the CEE region. Handles a range of commercial litigation, including contractual, construction, cross-border insurance, banking and post-M&A disputes. Class action lawsuits, product liability cases and damages disputes are further areas of experience. Active in the intellectual property and pharmaceutical sectors.

Chambers Global 2019 – Dispute resolution



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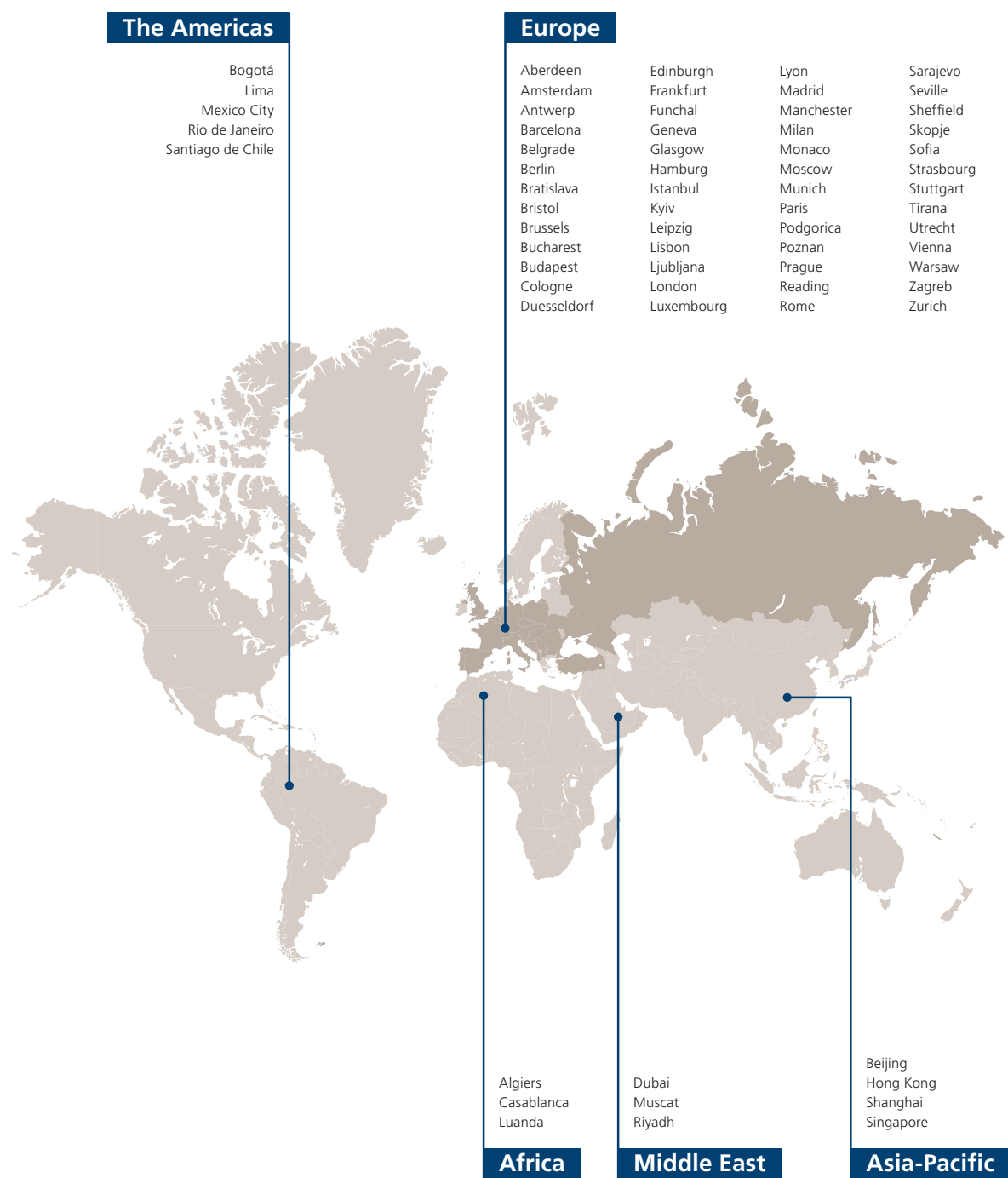
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