



DESU *Economic Law*

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The Faculty of Law of Aix-en-Provence (France) offers a postgraduate diploma (DESU) in Economic Law, under the academic direction of Professor Louis Thibierge.

Courses in this program are open both to students enrolled in the DESU and to international students pursuing the **LL.M. in European Business Law**.

Entirely taught in **English**, this diploma is delivered by a distinguished faculty comprising both French and international scholars: university professors and internationally recognized experts.

This diploma serves **three main objectives**:

1. **To deepen legal expertise** in innovative and substantive fields of economic law, through advanced instruction by leading specialists.
2. **To strengthen candidates' proficiency in legal English**, equipping them for international academic or professional paths.
3. **To provide access to exclusive transatlantic opportunities**: students may apply for direct admission to select American law schools (Louisiana State University, Chicago-Kent College of Law, and Maurer School of Law – Bloomington) through a competitive process organized by the **Institut de Droit des Affaires**, with the benefit of significantly reduced tuition fees.

Admission requirements:

Applicants must demonstrate a **sufficient command of English** and hold a law degree (Licence en droit, LL.B., or equivalent), or have completed at least **two years of a Juris Doctor program**.

OUTLINE

Introduction to Common Law

- *Introduction to US Copyright & Content Licensing* (6h) – Pr. Rachel Landy, Cardozo Law School, New York
- *Common Law & Civil Law Perspectives in Tort & Contract* (9h) – Dr. Eleni Katsampouka, King's College London

International Business Law

- *Mergers & Acquisitions* (3h) – Mr. Christopher Mesnooh, Fieldfisher LLP
- *Distribution Law* (3h) – Mr. François-Xavier Awatar, Osborne Clarke
- *Economic Analysis of Law* (6h) – Pr. Pierre Garello, Aix-Marseille University
- *Conflicts of Jurisdictions* (6h) – Pr. Eva Lein, Lausanne University (Switzerland)
- *International Transport Law* (6h) – Dr. Laurent Fedi, KEDGE Business School
- *The Court of Arbitration for Sport and landmark anti-doping cases* (3h) – Mr. William Sternheimer, The Court of Arbitration for Sport

Corporate Adaptation to Emerging Challenges

- *Compliance, Corruption, Anti-Laundering & Sanctions* (9h) – Mrs. Maria Lancri, Squair; Mrs. Sophie Gabillot, Squair and Mr. Joydeep Sengupta, Dentons
- *Sustainability* (6h) – Pr. Rupprecht Podszun, Heinrich Heine Universität, Düsseldorf (Germany)
- *European Antitrust Law* (6h) – Pr. Florian Bien, Würzburg Universität (Germany)
- *Environmental Law* (3h) – Mrs. Elodie Simon, Jones Day
- *Antitrust Law* (12h) – Mrs. Maya-Salomé Garnier, Aix-Marseille University

- *White-Collar Crime* (3h) – Mr. Armand Feste-Guidon, Feste-Guidon Avocats

International Contracts

- *Contract Law* (12h) – Pr. Louis Thibierge, Aix-Marseille University
- *International Construction Law* (3h) – Dr. Rafał Morek, University of Warsaw (Poland)

Dispute Resolution

- *International Litigation: Cross-border disputes from a French law perspective* (3h) – Mrs. Constance Benoist, Alerion
- *Arbitration* (6h) – Pr. Louis Thibierge, Aix-Marseille University and Mr. Hervé Le Lay, MCL Arbitration
- *Complex arbitration* (3h) – Mrs. Julie Spinelli, 16 Law
- *Litigation Strategy: Litigate or Settle?* (3h) – Mrs. Marina Cluzet, Charles Russell Speechlys
- *Mediation and other ADR methods: comparative approach in Resolving Business Disputes* (6h) – Pr. Ewa Gmurzyńska, Faculty of Law and Administration, Warsaw University (Poland)
- *Mediation in International Business Disputes* (3h) – Mrs. Corinne Bellonne-Roux
- *Challenges & enforcement of the arbitral award* (3h) – Mrs. Shaparak Saleh, Three Crowns
- *Investment Arbitration* (3h) – Dr. Rafał Morek, University of Warsaw (Poland)
- *Quantum Valuation* (3h) – Mrs. Claire Pauly, Jones Day
- *Enforcement of Judgments & Arbitral Awards* (3h) – Mr. François Bordes and Mr. Benjamin Siino, GBS Disputes

U6.- Legal English (8h) – Mr. Tonino Anzante, Aix-Marseille University

Head of the Diploma

Professor Louis Thibierge – Contract Law / Arbitration



Louis Thibierge is a full professor (*Agrégé des facultés de droit*) at Aix-Marseille University. He is the Head of the Department of Private and Criminal Law.

Professor Thibierge is the director of both the DESU *Economic Law* and the Master 2 *Droit des affaires approfondi* (Advanced Business Law).

He specialises in business law, with a particular focus on contract law and arbitration law.

Pr. Thibierge is also an independent arbitrator and a member of the Paris Bar. He acts both as a counsel and as a legal expert in front of national and foreign courts. He created his own boutique in 2026, after over 20 years in top-tier law firms.

He regularly publishes in various legal journals, both French and foreign. He is the author of a PhD thesis on force majeure and hardship at Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne (*Le contrat face à l'imprévu*, dir. Pr. L. Aynès, Economica).

He is recognized as a *Best Lawyer* in Litigation for 2024, 2025 and 2026. He is also distinguished for his *Renowned Practice* as an arbitrator and for his *Strong Reputation* as an arbitration lawyer (Décideurs Leaders League Ranking 2025).

Lecturers

Mr. Tonino Anzante – *Legal English*



Tony Anzante is an alumnus of Sussex University in England, where he studied History and Political Science. After roles within the British government (the Ministry of Justice and HM Treasury), he retrained as an English language instructor working firstly in Turin, Italy, and then in France.

Specialising in courses of communication and negotiation, he works both within universities and companies. He also collaborates with ESSCA Business School, where he is charged with teaching English for business development.

Mr. François-Xavier Awatar – *Distribution Law*



François-Xavier Awatar is a partner in Osborne Clarke's Economic Law team. He advises French and international corporations, distribution networks, investors and private equity funds on the full spectrum of economic law matters, in both advisory work and complex litigation. His practice focuses on competition law, distribution law, franchise law, commercial contracts and high-stakes commercial disputes.

Recognised as one of France's leading franchise lawyers, François-Xavier also has extensive experience in strategic competition law matters, including anticompetitive practices, vertical restraints, abuse of dominance, economic dependency and merger control, as well as public and private enforcement litigation and follow-on damages actions.

He advises clients at every stage of their development, from the structuring and expansion of distribution and franchise networks to international expansion strategies, commercial contract negotiations and economic law due diligence in domestic and cross-border M&A and private equity transactions. He also represents clients in complex disputes before commercial and civil courts, arbitral tribunals and competition authorities. His clients include manufacturers, service companies and investors in the retail, consumer goods, hospitality, sport, healthcare, real estate and services sectors.

François-Xavier is a regular speaker at national and international conferences and frequently publishes on developments in competition, distribution and franchise law. He is a member of the Scientific Committee of *Concurrences* and serves as an expert for the Fédération française de la franchise. In 2025, he was named International Economic Law Lawyer of the Year.

Mrs. Corinne Bellonne-Roux – *Mediation in International Business Disputes*



Corinne Bellonne-Roux served as Senior Legal Manager and Company Secretary for multinational companies in France, England and Germany, including Thales, where she developed extensive expertise in the drafting and negotiation of complex international contracts, as well as in corporate matters and activities.

She currently practises as a mediator, certified and appointed by the Aix-en-Provence Court of Appeal. She conducts international, inter-company, intra-company and project mediations. She also serves as a judge at the Tribunal des activités économiques of Marseille.

Corinne Bellonne-Roux is also a lecturer in law and alternative dispute resolution (ADR) at KEDGE Business School, the Faculties of Law of Aix-en-Provence and Corsica, and the École des avocats du Sud-Est (EDASE). Her teaching focuses primarily on international business law, European competition law, negotiation techniques, contract management, contract drafting in English and ADR, as well as various areas of French and English law.

At Aix-Marseille University, she contributes to the coaching of students taking part in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna. She also coaches student teams for the CDRC International Negotiation and Mediation Competition in Vienna and for the CMAP National Business Mediation Competition in Paris.

She graduated from the Institut de droit des affaires at Aix-Marseille University, where she obtained an M2 in International Business Law in 1990. In 2018, she obtained a DESU in Business Mediation and Negotiation from Aix-Marseille University, graduating first in her class.

Mrs. Constance Benoist – *International Litigation*



Constance Benoist is an associate in the Litigation, Arbitration and White-Collar Crime practice at Alerion, which she joined in 2021.

She advises and represents French and international clients in complex commercial disputes, with a particular focus on cross-border litigation and international arbitration. She regularly acts before domestic courts and arbitral tribunals (including ICC and ad hoc proceedings), handling matters involving contractual disputes, post-M&A litigation and enforcement issues.

Her practice covers all stages of dispute resolution, from pre-litigation strategy to enforcement proceedings.

Constance holds a Master's degree (Master II) in Arbitration and International Trade Law (MACI) from the University of Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, and an LL.M. in International Commercial Law from the University of Exeter (United Kingdom).

Pr. Florian Bien – *European Antitrust Procedure*



Prof. Dr. Florian Bien holds the Chair for Global Business Law, International Arbitration Law and Private Law at the Julius Maximilians University of Würzburg. In addition to that, he acts as the Director of the Würzburg Graduate School Law, Economics, and Society since 2018. Before joining the Würzburg Law School, Professor Bien was a Senior Lecturer at the Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen, Germany (2007-2011) and at the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, France (2004-2007), where he holds the position of a Maître de conférences associé.

He is a regular guest professor of leading French universities, such as Aix-Marseille Université, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas, Paris Ouest-Nanterre-La Défense, Caen Normandie, and Sciences Po Paris (Chair Alfred Grosser). He regularly publishes in the field of German and European Competition Law.

His education included a Master in European and International Law (Maîtrise en droit), University of Aix-Marseille III, France (1999), First and Second State Examination, Tübingen, Germany (2001 and 2003), Doctorate and Habilitation in law, both University of Tübingen (2006 and 2011).

Mr. François Bordes – *Enforcement of Judgments & Arbitral Awards*



François Bordes is a senior associate at Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya Disputes (GBS Disputes) in Paris. He previously was a member of Shearman & Sterling's international arbitration team.

François focuses on arbitration-related litigation and commercial litigation before the French courts. He has appeared as counsel in numerous proceedings to obtain, or to resist, the setting aside or the enforcement of arbitral awards and foreign judgments. He notably acts for the heirs to the Sultan of Sulu before the Paris Court of Appeal in the setting aside proceedings brought by Malaysia in relation to a USD 15 billion award, and in the related enforcement proceedings in France, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. His practice also covers ICC and ICSID arbitrations and commercial disputes in the logistics, port operation, aviation and energy sectors.

François lectures on arbitration at Université Paris-Saclay and Université Toulouse Capitole, and on contract law at Université Paris Nanterre. He is a member of the Comité français de l'arbitrage, of the Association des professionnels du contentieux des affaires and of the International Arbitration Institute.

He holds a postgraduate degree in international business litigation from Université Paris-Est Créteil, as well as a Master 2 in international economic law and a Master in international law from Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne. He is admitted to the Paris Bar.

Mrs. Marina Cluzet – *Litigation Strategy: Litigate or Settle?*



Marina Cluzet is a French avocat at Charles Russell Speechlys, specialising in business litigation. She assists her clients from the pre-litigation stage onwards and represents them before the French courts and arbitral tribunals.

She holds a PhD in private law, her thesis being devoted to the institutionalisation of the mediation market in France. During her research years, she also spent three years working within an in-house legal department.

Dr. Laurent Fedi – *International Transport Law*



Laurent Fedi is a full professor at KEDGE Business School (Marseilles Campus). Laurent holds a juris doctorate in maritime law and an Habilitation to supervise research (HDR) in juridical sciences from the Faculty of Law (Aix-Marseille University, France). He started his professional career in a ship brokerage company and joined KEDGE in 2007. He directed the Maritime Cluster for eight years.

Laurent lectures at different levels of education. The main courses taught are Maritime Law (safety, security and environmental protection), International Risk Management and European Competition Law.

He currently leads different research projects, notably on competition issues in the container shipping industry, the evolution of maritime law as regards safety and GHG from international shipping, risk assessment in the polar areas, and port governance.

Mr. Armand Feste-Guidon – *White-Collar Crime*



Armand Feste-Guidon, founding partner of Feste-Guidon Avocats, has practised exclusively in business criminal law between Marseille and Paris for more than ten years.

He was trained at Sciences Po Paris and at Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, and taught for several years as a visiting lecturer at Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas.

He works in French, English and German, which allows him to act for international clients facing complex criminal matters.

Mrs. Sophie Gabillot – Sanctions



An Associate Partner at Squire, Sophie Gabillot was admitted to the Paris Bar in 2013.

In 2016, Sophie set up and managed the Iranian subsidiary of a Parisian law firm in Tehran. During this two-year mission, she audited and assisted a large number of public and private companies, as well as NGOs, to enable them to set up or continue their activities in compliance with the economic sanctions in force. She also assisted a major French car manufacturer in drafting joint venture agreements and share acquisitions, as well as all ancillary commercial agreements with its Iranian partner, and set up a legal watch on international sanctions for embassies and European industrialists based in Iran.

Sophie became a partner in 2019. Since then, she trains her clients to identify and manage the risks associated with economic sanctions. She audits their activities and sets up appropriate compliance programs and procedures. She also drafts legal opinions on the compliance of certain operations with the economic sanctions regimes in force, in order to convince banks, where necessary and possible, of the legality of the operation. She also provides a legal watch on economic sanctions around the world for several of her clients, which she adapts to their activities.

Pr. Pierre Garelo – Economic Analysis of Law



Pierre Garelo is currently a Professor of Economics at Aix-Marseille University and a member of the Aix-Marseille School of Economics. He is the President of the Institute of Economic Studies-Europe, an NGO devoted to economic education. He is editor of the *Journal des Economistes et des Etudes Humaines* at www.degruyter.com and, since 2018, of the *Journal des Libertés* (<https://journaldeslibertes.fr>).

Besides taxation and public finance, his fields of specialization include decision theory and the economics of law and regulation based on insights from the Austrian school of economics. He is director of the Law and Economics Erasmus+ Master Program at Aix-Marseille University.

He received his Bachelor education from that same university and his PhD from New York University. He taught at the Universities of Montpellier and Saint-Etienne, France, and was invited to lecture in various places, among which Warsaw, Sofia, Bucharest, Vilnius, Jena, Guatemala City, Washington, Roma, Vienna, Tbilisi, Torino, Mumbai, Istanbul, Gent, Paris, Hamburg, Cairo and Haifa.

Mrs. Maya-Salomé Garnier – Antitrust Law



After completing a Bachelor's degree (Licence) at Paris-Panthéon-Assas University, Maya-Salomé Garnier joined Aix-Marseille University, where she specialised in competition law. She completed her PhD thesis entitled *Intent in Antitrust Law* and was appointed Lecturer (Maître de conférences) at Aix-en-Provence in 2025.

Pr. Ewa Gmurzyńska – Mediation & ADR



Ewa Gmurzyńska is Professor of Law at the Faculty of Law and Administration of the University of Warsaw. She holds a Ph.D. and habilitation degree from the University of Warsaw and an LL.M. from the University of Florida. She has been Director of the Center for American Law Studies at the University of Warsaw since 1998 and Director of the Mediation Clinic and the Center for Out-of-Court Dispute Resolution since 2006.

She is a mediator in civil, commercial and academic disputes and a co-founder and member of the Board of Directors of the Foundation Center for Dispute and Conflict Resolution. Her research and teaching focus on mediation, negotiation and other ADR, with particular expertise in commercial mediation, academic conflict resolution and the role of lawyers in mediation.

Her international teaching experience includes Aix-Marseille University, Bahçeşehir University, the University of Helsinki, the University of Bergen, the University of Florida, Emory University and Georgia State University. She is the author and co-author of numerous books, articles and book chapters on mediation and conflict resolution.

Dr. Eleni Katsampouka – Common Law & Civil Law Perspectives in Tort & Contract



Eleni Katsampouka is a Lecturer in Law at King's College London. She was previously a Fellow at Christ's College, Cambridge (2021-23) and a stipendiary lecturer at the University of Oxford (2018-21). Eleni holds degrees from the University of Oxford (DPhil and MPhil (dist)), University College London (LL.M. (dist)) and the University of Athens (LL.B. (dist)).

Eleni's research focuses on the law of remedies. Her work has been published in a variety of journals including the Law Quarterly Review, the Oxford Journal of Legal Studies, the Modern Law Review, the Lloyd's Maritime and Commercial Law Quarterly and the Journal of Media Law.

Mrs. Maria Lancri – Anti-Corruption & Compliance



Maria Lancri is an Associate Partner at Squair and a Lecturer at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University.

Prior to joining law firm Squair, Maria worked in a number of renowned French law firms, as an in-house lawyer and as Deputy General Counsel & Compliance Manager at Hachette Livre. Maria has extensive experience in internal and counterparty audits as well as in the implementation of client-specific compliance programs.

Maria is a member of the Scientific Committee and a lecturer at the Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne Compliance Certificate. She is also co-chair of the CSR, Ethics & Compliance Commission of the French business lawyers association ACE. She holds an LL.M. from Southern Methodist University (Dallas, TX) and a Master's degree from the University of Nice.

Pr. Rachel Landy – Introduction to US Copyright & Content Licensing



Rachel Landy is an Assistant Professor of Law at Cardozo Law School in New York City, where she teaches and writes in the areas of contracts and copyright. Landy's research focuses on how contracts and contracting practices affect innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurship. Her scholarship has appeared or is forthcoming in the *Boston University Law Review*, the *U.C. Davis Law Review*, and the *Boston College Law Review*.

Prior to entering academia, Landy served on the public policy team at Google, where she oversaw YouTube's global music policy portfolio. She previously spent several years in private practice as a technology transactions attorney at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati and Cooley LLP. In that capacity, she represented hundreds of startups on commercial contract and intellectual property matters relating to day-to-day business, mergers and acquisitions, and initial public offerings, with an emphasis on content licensing.

Landy earned a Bachelor of Music in Music Business from New York University and a J.D. from UCLA School of Law.

Mr. Hervé Le Lay – Arbitration



A French Avocat, Hervé Le Lay is a partner in Mourre Chessa Le Lay Arbitration. He is based in Paris.

Hervé is a seasoned commercial disputes specialist. He acted as counsel and as arbitrator in numerous arbitration proceedings, both institutional (ICC, SCC, LMAA, etc.) and ad hoc. He also litigates before State courts. He often assists clients at a pre-litigation stage, including in mediations and conciliations. His experience includes international sales, construction, insurance/reinsurance, M&A, shareholder disputes, mining, infrastructure, financing and banking, etc.

Hervé is an arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and has a vast experience in sport-related arbitration and litigation (disciplinary, regulatory and commercial disputes).

He also has experience in International Trade Law and assisted in proceedings before the WTO and the European Commission.

He is a graduate of the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po), Université Paris Ouest-Nanterre, Université Panthéon-Sorbonne and the Ecole de Formation du Barreau de Paris (EFB).

Pr. Eva Lein – *Conflicts of Jurisdictions*



Eva Lein is a Professor at the University of Lausanne and Director of the Comparative Law Center at BIICL. Her fields of expertise are private international law, international dispute resolution and comparative law, with a special focus on contract law and, more recently, digitalisation. At UNIL, she also co-directs the LL.M. in International Business Law.

She has also been an Honorary Senior Lecturer at Queen Mary University of London and at Queen Mary, Institute in Paris, a Visiting Professor at different institutions, including the Universities Paris I (Sorbonne) and II (Panthéon-Assas) and the University of Vienna, and a Scholar in Residence at the Center for Transnational Litigation and Commercial Law at NYU.

Eva is a qualified German lawyer, fluent in English, French, Italian, Spanish and German. She has been lecturing in various countries and regularly speaks at conferences and seminars.

Her publications include topical issues of comparative contract law, private international law and dispute resolution. Recent publications focus on contract law, dispute resolution and Covid-19; cross-border commercial dispute resolution; the legal consequences of Brexit; and AI.

Eva has been acting as an expert for the House of Commons and the Law Society on Brexit in a cross-border context. She was also an expert and coordinator of comprehensive research studies for the UK Ministry of Justice, the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Swiss Authorities.

Mr. Christopher Mesnooh – *Mergers & Acquisitions*



Christopher Mesnooh is a partner in the Paris office of the international law firm of Fieldfisher. Born in New York, he is admitted to the Bars of Paris, New York and Washington D.C. He received his J.D. from Yale Law School and his B.A. in political science from Columbia University.

Christopher is a recognized expert in the area of international M&A, having counselled dozens of buyers and sellers in their cross-border transactions involving France. His client base is primarily international, coming from North America, Europe and Asia. The deals he has advised on are primarily in the sectors of biotech, medical devices, technology, video games, heavy industry and luxury goods.

In addition to his activities as an avocat, he is a founder and ongoing member of the Board of the Paris chapter of Human Rights Watch. He is also regularly called upon by French media to analyze legal, political and economic developments occurring in the United States and appears regularly on all television, radio and printed media (TF1, FR2, BFM, LCI, Le Figaro, etc.). He also offers a course in international negotiations at the Paris law school H.E.A.D., where the students of 2017-2018 honored him by naming their class La Promotion Christopher Mesnooh.

Dr. Rafał Morek – *International Construction Law / Investment Arbitration*



Dr. Rafał Morek is an advocate and partner in the CMS Dispute Resolution department. He is registered as an advocate in Poland (District Bar Council in Warsaw) and also as a foreign lawyer by the Law Society of Scotland.

He specialises in dispute resolution, especially arbitration and mediation, in infrastructure investments and construction law.

Dr. Morek has taken part, as an arbitrator or attorney-in-fact, in over 100 proceedings conducted in accordance with the rules of ICC, ICSID, LCIA, SCC, VIAC, CAS in Lausanne, SA KIG, Lewiatan, UNCITRAL and others. He is also a mediator and a mediation coach, and often acts as a negotiator or as a member of Dispute Adjudication Boards (DABs). He is an officer of the Arbitration Committee of the International Bar Association, and a member of the Arbitration Council of the German Arbitration Institute (DIS).

His construction practice focuses on advising on infrastructure projects, including risk management and dispute avoidance. He advises investors, contractors, designers and consultants at all stages of the investment process. He is a member of FIDIC Task Group 15 and a co-author of the FIDIC Golden Principles (2019).

He is recommended by internationally recognised rankings: Chambers Global and Chambers Europe (Dispute Resolution and Arbitration), The Legal 500 (Dispute Resolution) and Who's Who Legal (Arbitration: Global Leader). He is also recognised as a Market Leader in the categories of International Disputes (2019) and Arbitration and Mediation (2022) by the Rzeczpospolita daily.

Rafał is a part-time adjunct professor at the Faculty of Law and Administration of the University of Warsaw and the author of numerous publications on private and comparative law. He has given guest lectures as a visiting lecturer at foreign universities.

Mrs. Claire Pauly – *Quantum Valuation*



Claire Pauly is a partner at Jones Day in international arbitration. She has been practicing in the areas of international arbitration and complex disputes for over a decade. She advises and represents companies and state entities operating in various industries, with an emphasis on energy, distribution, aeronautics and infrastructure, before domestic courts and international arbitral tribunals (ICC, ICSID, LCIA, SIAC and ad hoc arbitration, including under the UNCITRAL Rules).

Claire also regularly appears before French specialized courts in international arbitration and acts as arbitrator. One of her favourite topics is the quantum of damages.

Claire currently teaches arbitration and litigation strategy courses at the University of Paris II Panthéon-Assas, Sciences Po Paris, the University of Aix-Marseille, the University of Paris-Saclay, and the Center of Mediation and Arbitration (CMAP). She is also a member of the Paris Arbitration Week Organising Committee since 2021.

Pr. Rupprecht Podszun – Sustainability



Rupprecht Podszun is a full professor for civil law and German and European competition law at the Heinrich Heine University of Düsseldorf, Germany, and the Director of the University's Institute for Competition Law. He currently serves as the Dean of the Faculty of Law.

He is also a member of the German Monopolies Commission and was a co-chair of the government commission on AI and competition. Rupprecht was the President of Ascola, the Academic Society for Competition Law, from 2023-2025.

He is an editor of WuW, a leading German competition law journal, and ORDO, a journal on law and economics. Before joining academia he worked as a case handler in the Bundeskartellamt, the German competition agency.

Rupprecht takes a special interest in questions of sustainability, climate change and ESG – and how this affects the market economy. He published an inter-disciplinary study “Competition and Sustainability” (Edward Elgar 2024) and a study book for students on law and sustainability (in German: Recht und Nachhaltigkeit, C.H. Beck, 2025).

Mrs. Shaparak Saleh – Challenges & enforcement of the arbitral award



Shaparak Saleh is a partner in the Three Crowns Paris office. She has acted as counsel for two decades in a large number of commercial arbitrations, both ad hoc and institutional, including under the DIAC, ICC, IEMA, LCIA, UNCITRAL and VIAC rules. Her experience includes post-M&A disputes and disputes in the aeronautics, chemicals, construction, energy, food, mining, pharmaceutical, space and telecommunications sectors, relating to projects in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and the United States.

She has represented a wide range of clients, including States, State entities, major international oil, gas and mining companies, leading construction groups, an aircraft manufacturer and electricity companies. She regularly sits as arbitrator, including as chairperson.

In addition, Shaparak has broad experience in pre-arbitration and post-arbitration litigation before the French courts, having represented clients in approximately 25 set-aside proceedings. She was also involved in enforcement proceedings of numerous awards against sovereign States.

Shaparak is listed in the major international rankings. She is notably recognised as a Global Thought Leader and a Thought Leader for France for arbitration in the Lexology Index. She is also featured in Chambers Global and named a Next Generation Partner in The Legal 500. Global Arbitration Review listed her as one of the world's top 45 arbitration lawyers under 45. In 2024, she was appointed as Delegate to the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR.

For the past 15 years, Shaparak has been a lecturer in international arbitration, teaching courses on enforcement proceedings at a number of prominent universities, such as Sciences Po Paris, Paris II Panthéon-Assas and Aix-Marseille. She is admitted in Paris and speaks French, English, Italian and Persian.

Mr. Joydeep Sengupta – Anti-Laundering



Joydeep Sengupta is a Partner with Dentons Paris. Admitted to the Paris, New York and Ontario (Canada) Bars, he leads the Global Compliance and Investigations Department at Dentons Paris, within the Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice.

Joydeep focuses on cross-border litigation, compliance and enforcement matters for financial institutions and corporations, including the resolution of administrative and enforcement proceedings involving regulators and prosecutors. He has represented major US and European banks as well as global corporations in internal investigations related to US and European anti-money laundering, economic sanctions, market manipulation and anti-corruption laws. He has conducted internal investigations around the world, including in France, Japan, Italy, Luxembourg, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, the UK and the US.

His experience includes representing European financial institutions before Asian, European and US regulators, including the New York Department of Financial Services, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the Monetary Authority of Singapore, the Japanese Financial Services Agency, the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority, the French Treasury and the UK Financial Conduct Authority.

Mr. Benjamin Siino – Enforcement of Judgments & Arbitral Awards



Benjamin Siino is a founding partner of Gaillard Banifatemi Shelbaya Disputes (GBS Disputes) in Paris. He previously was a partner at Shearman & Sterling LLP, where he practised for more than ten years.

His experience covers international ad hoc arbitrations, including under the UNCITRAL Rules, and institutional arbitrations under the ICC and ICSID Rules, with a strong focus on energy, investment and general commercial arbitration, as well as on disputes related to Africa. He was part of the team that secured a landmark victory on behalf of Algeria against Orascom TMT, in which the tribunal dismissed claims of USD 4 billion.

Benjamin also acts as counsel in arbitration-related and other litigation proceedings, with a focus on the recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards and foreign judgments. He leads and coordinates global enforcement efforts across multiple jurisdictions in relation to the USD 50 billion award, now valued at USD 66 billion, obtained on behalf of the majority shareholders of the former Yukos Oil Company against the Russian Federation. He also develops and implements asset tracing strategies to identify and locate recoverable assets worldwide, through the most complex money laundering schemes and corporate structures.

Benjamin is ranked in Chambers Global and featured as a Global Leader by Lexology Index, the successor to Who's Who Legal: Arbitration. He is Co-Secretary General of the Arbitration Academy, a member of the executive board of the Comité français de l'arbitrage, of the International Arbitration Institute and of the LCIA European Users' Council. He lectures at Université Paris-Saclay, Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, Sciences Po Law School and the Arbitration Academy. He holds a DEA in public international law from Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas and is admitted to the Paris Bar.

Mrs. Elodie Simon – *Environmental Law*



Elodie Simon practices environmental, health and safety (EHS) law, focusing on industrial activities, air and water pollution, polluted sites, and health risks associated with chemicals, food and consumer products, as well as on liability issues connected with these matters. Her experience covers various EHS regulatory (French and EU environmental regulations) and litigation (administrative, criminal and civil) matters.

Elodie has developed specific experience in REACH and other EU chemicals regulation (CLP, biocides, and food contact materials) as well as on emerging pollutants such as PFAS. She regularly advises French, EU and international private entities on REACH registrations and authorizations, compliance checks, substance evaluation, classification and labeling issues, and enforcement procedures.

Elodie also handles environmental, health and safety issues in M&A and real estate transactions.

She teaches in the Sustainable Development Master program at the University of Paris IX-Dauphine and is a regular presenter at the Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie on various EHS law matters. In addition, she co-heads the Commission ouverte de droit de l'environnement et risques industriels of the Paris Bar.

Mrs. Julie Spinelli – *Complex Arbitration*



Julie Spinelli is a recognized leading lawyer in the international arbitration arena. She acts as counsel in domestic and international arbitration proceedings, ad hoc and institutional (ICC, LCIA, ICSID, SCC, CMAP and UNCITRAL), for States as well as French and foreign companies. Her work involved disputes in the sectors of energy, construction and engineering, defense and aeronautical, chemicals, luxury and hospitality.

She also represents clients in annulment, enforcement and arbitration-related court proceedings before French courts.

Julie regularly acts as an arbitrator.

Mr. William Sternheimer – *The Court of Arbitration for Sport*



William Sternheimer is the Manager for Training and Education at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and a Paris-qualified lawyer.

After beginning his career in international commercial arbitration at Gide, William held multiple roles with the CAS, from Counsel to Deputy Secretary General. After ten years, he left to become a Partner with Morgan Sports Law, a sports disputes resolution firm, where he represented international athletes, clubs and federations.

William returned to the CAS to develop and supervise training programs for CAS arbitrators and mediators, and to promote education about the CAS both in general and at an academic level.



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Administration of the diploma



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- **a CV in French,**
- **a motivation letter in English, and**
- **official academic transcripts.**