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Gide Loyrette Nouel Brussels

With over forty years' experience in the field of increasingly complex European law, Gide Loyrette Nouel Brussels (GLN Brussels) provides valued and respected legal advice to the private sector (industry and services, professional associations, banks, etc.) and the public sector (national governments, public bodies, international organisations, etc.) in France, Europe, and the rest of the world. Our track record and expertise are backed up by in-depth knowledge of the workings and procedures of the European institutions.

The multidisciplinary and multinational team is structured around three main legal fields: competition, international trade / WTO, and EU regulatory affairs. As a result, our lawyers boast an unrivalled range of skills to advise and defend our clients before Community institutions and national and European jurisdictions.

A Trusted Partner to Face the New Challenges of Globalisation

GLN Brussels offers all the advantages of maturity and experience in the present period of uncertainty resulting from the banking and financial crisis, increasing international competition, and the introduction of measures - often placing a heavy burden on companies - to deal with climate change and ensure energy security. Our lawyers' skills also help our clients to deal with new regulations introduced to meet the growing challenges of globalisation in the areas of trade, energy, agriculture and food, finance, transport, public procurement, etc.

The Support of a Wide Network of 650 Lawyers

With the support of the Firm's worldwide team - some 650 lawyers, including 103 partners, all drawn from 50 different nationalities and based at the 18 other offices in Europe, Asia, North America and Africa - GLN Brussels is ideally placed to rise to the challenges of globalisation, regulatory issues, and trade disputes. Indeed, our lawyers worldwide are recognised as among the best specialists in their different areas of national and international business law.

Three Major Legal Fields

To better defend its clients and their interests, GLN Brussels has structured its team of 20 lawyers around three main legal fields:

- Competition,
- International Trade / WTO,
- EU Regulatory.

According to clients' needs, our lawyers work as a multidisciplinary team with the Firm's other departments and offices to share skills and experience and thus guarantee the best possible quality of service.



"Sources remarked: 'Gide Loyrette Nouel has an impressive client base; it's excellent, attracting a lot of work from France but also internationally.' The practice has a notable track record in merger and state aid cases. Overseeing the Brussels team's competition work is Stéphane Hautbourg, whom clients describe as 'a great lawyer and someone you can rely on to give his all every time'."

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"The Brussels office of this French powerhouse often assists European producers with the protection and filing of complaints. It deals with cases at the right level, while understanding the economics and legal implications of transactions.' It has noted expertise in traditional trade remedy work, finance and control of public aid and trade assistance, as well as in matters relating to the agrifood industry. The highly lauded Olivier Prost is commended for 'his thorough technical background and the connections to give weight to conclusions.' He is also well known for WTO litigation: 'This is where he has impressively built up his practice and shown tremendous growth.'"

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Competition

GLN Brussels has established its position as a key player in European trade law issues. Our lawyers' comprehensive knowledge of national and European regulations and law, as well as their understanding of how the authorities reach their decisions ensure that we gain satisfactory solutions in the interests of our clients.

GLN Brussels has assisted several companies in seeking Commission approval for major pan-European mergers and acquisitions projects involving complex competition questions. We also advise and guide clients in issues relating to abuse of a dominant position (article 82 of the EC Treaty) and the prohibition of anti-competitive practices (article 81 EC Treaty) such as alleged involvement in cartels. And we regularly and successfully represent clients in cases involving state aid.

International Trade / WTO

By virtue of the unrivalled expertise in international economic law it has built up over the years, GLN Brussels has become the preferred law firm for a growing number of European and multinational companies and organisations and, notably, several national governments.

GLN Brussels is acknowledged for its skills in WTO dispute settlement and its expertise in terms of WTO regulations and procedures at the multilateral, regional, and bilateral levels. We are thus ideally placed to help clients in cases involving antidumping procedures and subsidies. And we are instructed on the growing use of unfair trading practices and the gradual closure of certain markets with the introduction of new regulatory measures, e.g. technical, environmental or public health standards; access to raw materials; discriminatory tax schemes; breach of intellectual property; and the absence of reciprocity in the deployment of international rules governing, for example, public procurement; etc.

EU Regulatory

As one of the first international law firms to set up in Brussels, GLN has a wealth of experience in European law which has provided the foundations for the construction of the European internal market. Our lawyers are actively involved in both the drafting of European law (legal lobbying) and its implementation (litigation and quasi-litigation before the European Commission).

Our lawyers now play a key role in all the latest developments in EU agriculture and food laws (food safety, labelling, global trade in agricultural produce, etc.). And as the European authorities expand their regulatory mandate, GLN Brussels has widened the scope of its activity to take in new and rapidly developing sectors ranging from the privatisation and consolidation of rail services, to financial services (pension funds, insurance, capital investment), the environment (REACH), by way of energy, telecommunications, public procurement, betting and gaming, and the media.