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"Comprehensive expertise, client list and the size of its team set Gide Loyrette Nouel A.A.R.P.I. apart."

EMEA Legal 500 2010 - Insurance

"'Reliable, available and technically skilled' is how market sources describe this 16-lawyer team. It offers a full service in both insurance and reinsurance matters, dividing its time equally between litigious and regulatory work. The group acts mostly on behalf of large, international insurers and financial institutions keen to make use of the firm's strong global network. The team continues to advise insurance giant AIG on the restructuring of its life insurance activities. Richard Ghuelde concentrates largely on regulatory matters and remains a notable presence on the market. Sources laud him as 'client-oriented, reactive and adept at offering creative solutions'."

Chambers Europe 2011 - Insurance

"This major domestic firm is a well-known name in the transportation sector, with expertise in both aviation and shipping matters. It has particular strength in insurance litigation, representing airline insurers such as La Réunion Aérienne in all related disputes. It also acts for manufacturers on product liability claims, and handles financing and regulatory issues. With regards to shipping, the lawyers have experience of working on highly significant environmental cases, and on questions of contractual and manufacturing liability."

Chambers Europe 2010 - Shipping

Gide Loyrette Nouel boasts a team of prominent experts in insurance, industrial risks, transportation, maritime and aviation law. Our global Insurance, Industrial Risk and Transport practice group has a team of some thirty lawyers who are skilled in handling the wide range of insurance and transport issues facing companies and other organisations.

Our lawyers advise on contentious and non-contentious matters (whether civil or criminal). The team's full service expertise allows us to provide clients with an integrated service encompassing insurance and reinsurance contract law, insurance contract distribution, insurance and reinsurance company regulation, litigation and arbitration, taxation and all aspects of shipping, aviation and transportation law. We advise on structuring the legal and tax aspects of the acquisition, financing, and operation of assets, and the outsourcing of transportation services. The team also assists in drafting and negotiating all related contractual documents, and, when necessary, those regarding public tendering procedures.

The Firm's wide range of clients includes insurers, reinsurers, service providers, manufacturing and commercial companies, shipowners, airlines, shipbuilders, aircraft companies, commodity traders, and public bodies.

Local knowledge, underpinned by our international expertise, enables the Firm to offer integrated advice on complex international operations and litigation, and to help its clients take full advantage of new opportunities and anticipate risks.

An International Network

Members of the Insurance, Industrial Risk & Transport practice group represent clients before national and international commercial, civil and criminal courts and tribunals in both civil and common law jurisdictions.

The Firm's offices are fully integrated in the cultural, legal, economic, and political context of the countries in which they are located and are in regular contact with national administrations and agencies. The Firm is also a member of several international networks and works in close cooperation with top-tier local firms in countries where it does not have an office.

Diversified Clientele

The Practice Group offers a full range of legal services to:

- insurers
- reinsurers
- banks and financial institutions
- developers, construction firms
- industrial concerns
- air companies
- multimode transport firms
- insurance brokers, agents & intermediaries
- public authorities
- property companies
- car manufacturers
- shipowners
- road haulage operators
- P&I clubs

Main Areas of Expertise

Insurance

- Insurance contract law (life & non-life insurance)
- Insurance distribution - Insurance contracts for public authorities and bodies
- Insurance company regulation
- Insurance disputes, arbitration and litigation
- Insurance and taxation
- M&A and insurance
- Reinsurance
- Industrial risk

Insurance - "Gide is the leading firm for legal advice."

La Tribune de l'Assurance
(November 2009)

"This full-service practice is skilled in both contentious and non-contentious aspects of insurance law. On the litigation side it has been especially active in the financial sector, and also continues to work on cases of professional liability and industrial risk. Equally, it has an advisory and regulatory practice that is strong in the reinsurance field."

Chambers Europe 2010 - Insurance

Maritime Law

- All events linked to the life of a ship, from the construction agreement to the arrest of a ship, whether under the general provisions of owner's liability or special provisions relating to pollution
- All transport agreements under the bill of lading and the ship's chartering through charter-parties
- Insurance problems relating to all aspects of maritime business, including those concerning cargo or civil liability

Asset Financing

- All questions relating to the financing of ships and aircraft through mortgage loans with tax leverage, liaising with the Banking & Finance, Projects, and Tax practice groups, including problems relating to the registration of ships, aircraft and security interests

Ports and Customs

- All disputes relating to customs law and relations with port authorities
- Disputes relating to property in the public domain or port police authorities
- Setting up of handling and maritime agency companies, and the care and control of their litigation

Aviation

- All air transport litigation, involving the carriage of both passengers and freight
- All legal issues concerning aircraft, aircraft mortgage rules and the seizure of aircraft to enforce security interests
- All insurance problems relating to such disputes
- All agreements relating to the financing and operation of aircraft

Road Transport

- All advisory and litigation questions relating to road transport under both internal or CMR regulations, including related insurance issues

Multimode Transport

- All questions relating to transport logistics and the forwarding agency business

International Trade and Economic Law

- Maritime sale, incoterms, documentary credit, transport financing, trading agreements
- All competition law issues and how it applies to transportation law

"The team has leading civil and criminal contentious expertise, representing ship-owners, insurers and shipbuilders. It handled large shipping cases, representing Total in the Erika disaster and the French state in the Sherbro chemical spill pollution. It also deals with shipping finance, transactional and yachting work."

EMEA Legal 500 2010 - Shipping

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"Gide Loyrette Nouel A.A.R.P.I. offers a full-service insurance practice, with a particular focus on transportation and maritime insurance matters. The team is commended as producing 'good-quality work' and regularly undertakes instructions in both contentious and non-contentious insurance matters. Its client base spans ship owners, airlines, insurers, shipbuilders and commodity traders. Specialising in national and EU insurance and liability law, co-department head Richard Ghuedre comes highly recommended."

EMEA Legal 500 2008

"It is a well-structured group, dedicated purely to insurance, and is active on a range of areas from insurance contracts, insurance company regulation and reinsurance. Considered to be 'real innovators who always think outside the box,' the lawyers are active on an impressive range of matters and are pioneers in new aspects of insurance, such as e-business."

Chambers Europe 2008

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A Multifaceted Practice & An Innovative Approach

Members of Gide Loyrette Nouel's Insurance, Industrial Risk and Transport practice group have considerable expertise in insurance, transport and economic law, and work closely with the Firm's international offices and other specialist practice groups, such as Banking & Finance, Tax, Public Administrative Law / Environment, to give legal advice and devise litigation strategies best adapted to client circumstances.

Lawyers in the Practice Group are members of the *Association Française de Droit Maritime* (French Association of Maritime Law), the *Comité Maritime International* (International Maritime Committee), and the *Association des Diplômés de l'Institut des Assurances de Paris (ADIAP)* (Insurance Institute of Paris).

In addition to their advisory capacity, they take an active role in, and remain constantly abreast of, legal developments in the insurance and transport fields through articles featured in specialist publications and periodicals such as the *Revue Générale du Droit des Assurances* (General Insurance Law Review) and *Lamy Assurances*, and by frequently attending specialist conferences such as those organised by the *Association Internationale de Droit des Assurances (A.I.D.A.)* (International Insurance Law Association) and the *Association des Juristes d'Assurance et de Réassurance (A.J.A.R.)* (Insurance and Reinsurance Lawyers' Association).

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Richard Ghuedre joined Gide Loyrette Nouel in 2002 after working in the legal department of an insurance and reinsurance group. He specialises in national and EU insurance law in addition to liability law. Richard has wide experience in the regulation of insurance companies, insurance contract law (life and non-life), and insurance distribution schemes. He frequently advises French and international insurance and reinsurance companies, banking and financial operators (bancassurance), mutual insurance companies, insurance brokers, as well as French and international commercial and industrial undertakings. Richard lectures at the Insurance Institute of Paris, holds the post of Editorial Secretary of the General Review on Insurance Law (*Revue générale de droit des assurances*) and is President of the alumni association of the Insurance Institute of Paris (ADIAP).

"With a focus on domestic issues, the team does a lot of work in product liability. [...] The very talented Richard Ghuedre provides top-notch advisory work."

Chambers Europe 2009