

INSURANCE, INDUSTRIAL RISK & TRANSPORT

Gide boasts a team of prominent experts in insurance, industrial risks, transportation, maritime and aviation law. Our global Insurance, Industrial Risk & Transport practice group has some 30 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.

Gide'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.

Gide'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.

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Diversified Clientele

Gide's Insurance, Industrial Risk & Transport 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

« Highly regarded practice with a broad insurance team, active in both regulatory and litigation matters. Advising domestic and international insurance companies, insurance brokers and agents as well as French authorities. 'The lawyers are helpful, pragmatic and try to find the best way to assist us'. »

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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

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

« Gide Loyrette Nouel A.A.R.P.I. has the 'best knowledge and understanding of French and European insurance issues in France' and 'stands out for its global, comprehensive and fine expertise'. The 17-lawyer practice assists many leading insurers and reinsurers, as well as some corporations in sensitive regulatory issues and civil liability cases. It recently represented MAF following a major fire disaster in Paris La Villette. Axa and SCOR are also clients. »

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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 & Economic Law

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

A Multifaceted Practice & An Innovative Approach

Members of Gide's Insurance, Industrial Risk & 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 and Administrative Law / Environment, to give legal advice and devise litigation strategies best adapted to client circumstances.

Our lawyers 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).

« Highly reputed transportation team that is popular with French airports, advising them on liability and other civil and criminal matters. Also remains a competitor in France's shipping market, with substantial expertise in pollution lawsuits. Recently advised on regulation concerning the sale of shipyards and continues to provide counsel on general shipping operations. »

« Strong team advising commercial and financial institutions, insurance companies and the French authorities. Assists clients with corporate/M&A, life insurance disputes, the distribution of insurance products and services, internal restructuring, and litigation in commercial, civil and criminal courts. »

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« Gide Loyrette Nouel A.A.R.P.I. is adviser to Global Aerospace as liability insurer for all French airports (except those run by ADP). The practice also advises manufacturers, insurers and victims following air crashes. Airbus Helicopters is a client. Richard Ghuedre heads the practice »

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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 Ghuelldre joined Gide 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).

« Practice head Richard Ghuelldre is 'the best in town' and 'an outstanding and relentless negotiator, who can anticipate all the possible obstacles'. Capucine Bernier has 'outstanding pleading skills', while counsel Charles-Eric Delamare-Deboutteville is 'a reference for regulatory matters and insurance product distribution work'. »

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Capucine Bernier specialises in insurance law and civil liability. She acts most particularly in disputes pertaining to non-life insurance (damages, civil and professional liability, unusual and industrial risks) as well as life insurance. She advises and assists both traditional and bank insurers, and various industrial players in the management of disputes that are either sensitive or have a major strategic and economic impact. Capucine is a member of the Union of young French insurers and reinsurers (UJARF), the Insurance and Reinsurance Lawyers Association (AJAR), the International Association of Insurance Law (AIDA), and is the vice-chair of the Paris Insurance Institute alumni association (ADIAP). Capucine is also a regular speaker at conferences and a contributor to a number of specialist publications. She holds a degree from the Paris Insurance Institute, and two Master's degrees, respectively in insurance law and in business law, from the University of Paris I - Panthéon Sorbonne and Paris V.

« Richard Ghuelldre advises on insurance and reinsurance as well as regulatory matters. Clients say: 'Among many other qualities, he has a skill which was particularly helpful this year: he is an outstanding negotiator.' He advised AXA on the first class action related to finance and insurance in France. »

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