

ARBITRATION & LITIGATION | AFRICA

The Gide Arbitration and Litigation practice groups have developed significant expertise assisting clients in the resolution of their disputes involving Africa, particularly regarding infrastructure projects, energy and natural resources, telecommunications and other industrial joint ventures. Our worldwide experience extends to all the main areas of international public and private infrastructure, including energy, natural resources, transport, water supply, plant construction, sanitation & irrigation, and communications.

Gide lawyers have represented **states, state-owned entities** and **private investors** in disputes related to many African countries.

Our lawyers possess detailed knowledge of African regional legal systems and regimes, enabling them to devise appropriate legal strategies and assist in and throughout the resolution of disputes arising from their operations. Some of our partners also sit as arbitrators.

Additionally, Gide has **unparalleled competence in French-speaking Africa**, i.e. 18 countries in which the official language is French and whose **legal system is mainly based on French law**.

“Widely renowned for its long-standing expertise in dispute resolution and arbitration concerns across francophone Africa. Offers advice from its London and Paris bases, supported by offices in Algiers, Cairo, Casablanca and Tunis. Maintains an excellent reputation for its knowledge of the construction, oil and gas and mining sectors, with a notable track record advising governments and multinational banks on a range of contentious matters.”

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Worldwide Reach, Local Knowledge

Gide's expertise in handling disputes connected to Africa stems from a team of lawyers based in two key offices in **Europe (London and Paris)**, and four offices in **Africa** (Algeria, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia). They benefit from the support of our two offices in China (Beijing and Shanghai), which assist Chinese investments in Africa. This broad international network allows Gide not only to liaise efficiently with its clients but also to assist them on all legal aspects of their African related disputes, in **civil law and common law countries alike**.

Our firm is also in a position to offer its clients advice and assistance in Africa through its network of associated law firms, Gide Africa (in Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Senegal, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea and Guinea), and its other close partnerships with leading local lawyers throughout the continent.

“Adept at handling litigation related to jurisdictions in Africa, supported by a strong network of connections in the region. Advises international and French entities on banking disputes, including on issues such as structured loans. Also acts on litigation proceedings related to contracts, compliance and liability.”

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ALGIERS

BEIJING

BRUSSELS

CAIRO

CASABLANCA

ISTANBUL

LONDON

NEW YORK

PARIS

SHANGHAI

TUNIS

WARSAW

Multidisciplinary Teams

As part of a truly **full-service law firm**, Gide Arbitration and Litigation specialists can draw support from the experience and know-how of its other practice groups such as the Projects team which has significant **cross-disciplinary experience in issues specific to Africa**, regularly advising **every kind of industry player** on all aspects of dispute resolution.

Our expertise covers a variety of sectors and types of disputes such as the **protection of investments, infrastructure and construction contracts, concessions agreements and PPP, mining, oil & gas, energy, telecommunications, post M&A and corporate, transfer of technology, industrial property and licensing, banking and insurance.**

Tailor-made Solutions - From designing Dispute Resolution Mechanisms to Enforcement of Decisions

• Project Documentation

We do not force a project into a template. Our Dispute Resolution specialists assist clients and other teams in devising contractual dispute resolution mechanisms that are tailored to suit the client's needs and specific objectives.

• Contract Performance and Dispute Prevention

Gide is committed to ensuring that our clients' deals are a success. We offer assistance throughout the project lifecycle, and regularly advise on preventing or managing disputes.

• Design of Litigation Strategy

When a case becomes litigious, we assist clients in determining their options with a view to assessing the most appropriate procedural mix to pursue: conservatory or provisional measures, court litigation or arbitration.

• Representation in Arbitration and Judicial Proceedings

Our team members are qualified in various jurisdictions and represent clients before the relevant courts and arbitration tribunals. Our arbitration specialists are experienced in handling cases according to major arbitration rules, including in particular ICC, ICSID, OHADA or UNCITRAL.

• Challenges of Awards and Enforcement

Our vast network enables us to represent clients before a number of jurisdictions particularly in Africa, Europe, former Commonwealth countries and Asia to challenge arbitration awards or to ensure the successful enforcement of decisions.

Carole Malinvaud is considered 'top quality' and 'certainly a leading figure in arbitration in the French-speaking and African market.' Interviewees further assert that she is 'an excellent arbitrator and lawyer.' Based in Paris, she is co-head of the firm's international arbitration practice.

Christian Camboulive is well regarded in this market as an 'excellent and experienced lawyer,' with interviewees pointing to his strength in arbitration. They add that 'he's certainly a big name.' Based at the firm's Paris office, he represents clients in energy and construction disputes, as well as investment arbitrations.

Currently based in London, Rupert Reece has long-term experience in the French legal sphere. He is dual-qualified in France and the UK, and regularly acts for clients on international disputes relating to the construction sector. He is well versed in matters concerning joint ventures. »

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“Bruno Quentin handles commercial, financial and criminal litigation, receiving particular praise for his expertise in white-collar crime. Clients admire his 'good judgement and availability,' adding: 'It is easy to have a relationship with him.' He is experienced in criminal proceedings arising from tax and fraud issues.

Michel Pitron is described as a 'very sharp lawyer in litigation' by an interviewee. He handles post-transaction disputes, banking litigation and contentious competition matters, including cross-border cases. »

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