

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

An International Network

Gide's Dispute Resolution practice group involves over 120 lawyers spread across the firm's international network of offices. Members of the practice group represent clients before national and international 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.

Assisting at all Stages of Disputes

- In the pre-contentious phase, before litigation starts, advising on: risk audits, pre-litigation strategies, and crisis management;
- Pursuing alternative dispute resolution procedures;
- Handling proceedings before national and international tribunals including civil, criminal, commercial, and administrative courts and arbitration;
- Handling enforcement of judgments and awards.

Multidisciplinary Teams

Gide's Dispute Resolution practice combines the resources and skills of all the firm's lawyers who handle litigation in their respective specialist fields of law. Members of the team are experienced advocates before both national courts and arbitral tribunals under a wide variety of institutional rules. Several of our lawyers are former members of the Paris Bar Council (*Conseil de l'Ordre*), and former champions of the Bar Debating Society (*Secrétaires de la Conférence*). The firm can therefore deploy a multi-disciplinary and multi-jurisdictional team which is tailored to fit the specific needs of each file.

Diversified Clientele

Gide has earned the trust of a wide and demanding clientele comprising companies and prominent business leaders, covering the whole economic spectrum from financial institutions, multinational industrial groups, professional service providers, to States and State-owned companies.

“Esteemed practice with expertise in a range of international arbitration matters, particularly those related to African jurisdictions. Experienced in advising sovereign states on interstate disputes, as well as disputes involving private individuals and companies. Handles matters spanning sectors that include oil and gas, banking and construction. A source praises the firm for its ‘multi-cultural, multilingual team that is able to adapt to the specific issue at stake.’ This commentator also notes: ‘The team really understands business constraints.’ The team is further regarded as being ‘very organised, extremely responsive and experienced.’ »

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ALGIERS

BEIJING

BRUSSELS

CAIRO

CASABLANCA

ISTANBUL

LONDON

NEW YORK

PARIS

SHANGHAI

TUNIS

WARSAW

Dispute Resolution - Main Areas of Expertise

Arbitration

The Arbitration team is made up of lawyers from a variety of backgrounds and cultures and has globally recognised expertise handling cases under all the leading arbitration rules and institutions. The team acts for private companies, public enterprises, and States, advising on litigation strategy and handling the entire arbitral process.

Insurance, Industrial Risk & Transport

The Insurance team assists the Gide's clients in a number of business sectors and various types of proceedings: insurance pre-litigation and crisis management, life and non-life insurance litigation, regulatory and insurance product distribution litigation, and alternative claims dispute resolution methods.

Banking & Finance

The team includes specialists in banking and finance law as well as criminal and commercial litigation who are experts in handling the complex issues in this field and in representing the firm's clients before disciplinary and civil courts.

Competition

The team advises and represents clients in all areas of competition litigation. These include proceedings before the French Competition Authority and the European Commission, distribution and unfair competition disputes, and consumer law and advertising disputes. Our lawyers also represent clients in proceedings before the civil, commercial, and criminal courts.

Public Law & Environment

The Public Law team regularly advises and represents clients before all administrative courts. Our lawyers are also frequently instructed in emergency proceedings and represent clients in disputes relating to the management of public legal bodies and the status of their executives.

In environmental matters, our specialist lawyers represent clients before the administrative and civil courts (disputes concerning classified facilities, criminal and indemnity proceedings).

Tax

The Tax team assists companies and individuals responding to tax inspections, in the pre-litigation process, and before the administrative and civil courts in disputes concerning all principal forms of taxation.

“Major French firm that handles prominent international arbitrations from its Paris office. Primarily assists with commercial arbitration proceedings and is experienced in cases under ICC and Swiss rules. Smaller London practice often plays a supporting role in construction cases relating to delayed energy and real estate projects in North Africa and Eastern Europe. Has additional teams in Warsaw [...] that advise on post-M&A and debt recovery mandates.” A source praises the firm for its ‘multicultural, multilingual team that is able to adapt to the specific issue at stake, scaling the size to what needs to be done to improve the speed and the cost.’ This commentator also notes that ‘they understand business constraints really well.’ »

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Mergers & Acquisitions

The Mergers & Acquisitions / Corporate team handles disputes between companies, shareholders, directors and / or managers, as well as disputes arising out of acquisitions, transfers or joint ventures, including issues relating to stock exchange and securities law.

General, Civil and Commercial Law

All the lawyers in the General, Civil and Commercial law team have strong experience in handling proceedings at all levels before the different civil and commercial courts in disputes relating to contract, tort, and inheritance cases.

Real Estate

Our Real Estate lawyers assist clients in all matters of real estate disputes before the civil and administrative courts. The team handles both contentious and non-contentious matters and its wide-reaching expertise allows it to handle real estate disputes with a firm grasp of all the relevant legal issues and underlying business practice.

Intellectual Property

The team is instructed in all kinds of intellectual property disputes including patent, trademark, design and prototype rights, and copyright before the civil, commercial and criminal courts. Our lawyers specialise in dealing with complex litigation involving the coordination of multi-disciplinary (technical and legal) and multi-national teams.

White Collar Crime

Gide represents companies and business leaders facing criminal proceedings in France and abroad. Our lawyers are present at all stages of proceedings from the investigation, to police courts, criminal courts, assize courts, courts of appeal, and before international jurisdictions.

Employment

The Employment team assists and represents clients in labour-related disputes. These include individual and collective redundancies, strikes, collective conflicts, trade union disputes and disputes with employees' representative bodies, electoral disputes, and unfair competition. The team has acknowledged expertise in the field of criminal labour law: health and safety, interference with freedom of employment, undeclared work and illegal hiring out of employees, discrimination and harassment, and working hours.

“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. Interviewees recommend the firm as a ‘premium francophone practice,’ with sources saying: ‘They are excellent.’ »

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“The ‘available, responsive and efficient’ Gide Loyrette Nouel A.A.R.P.I. is notably involved in several high-profile public sector cases and represented one of SNCF’s top-managers following the Bretigny train accident in 2013, and SNCF Mobilités following a major train accident which occurred in Eckwersheim in 2015. Other recent work includes defending one of public agency Business France’s top managers regarding favouritism investigations linked to the organisation of a French tech event in Las Vegas in 2016 and advising on several fraud and corruption issues in Africa. »

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“Gide Loyrette Nouel A.A.R.P.I. advises leading French companies, banks and public sector entities on anti-corruption compliance and internal investigations following criminal investigations in France. The practice is very strong in the financial services sector and regularly advises on AMF and ACPR compliance issues and investigations. It is also noted for handling antitrust compliance matters. »

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“Michel Pitron enjoys a well-established reputation in the market, particularly for his litigation in the banking and finance sector. He is also experienced in disputes over corporate and contract matters.

Bruno Quentin is regarded as a ‘very good litigator and an elegant lawyer’ by sources. He assists major French clients who have criminal issues, including tax fraud, defamation and corruption. He is additionally active in the commercial litigation space.

Rupert Reece is based in London and is qualified in France and England & Wales. He is experienced in both arbitration and litigation, particularly in disputes related to joint ventures, construction and the aerospace sector.

Baudouin de Moucheron is recognised for his skill in employee disputes by market commentators who describe him as a ‘good litigator.’ »

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“Gide Loyrette Nouel A.A.R.P.I. is regularly retained by leading French and international banks to handle sensitive disputes. The practice is notably defending BPCE, Dexia Crédit Local SFIL and BNP Paribas in more than 100 cases involving French local entities. The 23-lawyer team also handles commercial and corporation litigation, and international cases; it is notably involved in a major case in the oil downstream sector in Africa. Bruno Quentin, Patrick Ouart, who is recommended for his ‘analytical and tactical vision’, Michel Pitron and Jean-Philippe Pons-Henry are key names. »

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“Gide Loyrette Nouel A.A.R.P.I. provides ‘valuable services including timely responses and thoughtful advice’. The 22-lawyer Paris and London-based team handles commercial and investment arbitration and is notably managing several large ICC disputes in relation with gas and construction issues in Algeria. The practice is also involved in mining disputes in Turkey and frequently acts in exequatur cases: it obtained a very rare decision before the French courts defining the role of the French judge during exequatur procedures. The team also represented the ICC before the Paris Tribunal de Grande Instance de Paris in another landmark case. Carole Malinvaud is highly recommended and an increasingly appointed arbitrator. Also recommended are Christian Camboulive, Rupert Reece, who is ‘well experienced in construction disputes’ and Alexandra Munoz. »

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