

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW | FRANCE

Gide prides itself on its widely acknowledged track record and expertise in the field of environmental law. Our know-how rests on a team of highly-trained and skilled professionals dedicated to the practice of this particular area of law. We work jointly with the firm's other teams and departments to offer our clients seamless and specialised service whenever environmental law issues arise.

We have taken the full measure of the rapid development of environmental law in recent years and of the specific constraints which businesses now face in the context of global warming. We offer our clients workable solutions to meet the various and multifaceted challenges arising from environmental protection obligations. Whether advising or representing our clients in litigation, in drafting agreements or due diligence situations, our know-how matches our clients' needs and activities.

Environment & Industries

Our team boasts some of the most in-depth industrial activities expertise on the market, spanning from businesses as diverse as chemicals, petrochemicals, automobile and automotive, paper products, foodstuffs, glass-making, etc. We advise clients at all stages of the permitting process as well as in the daily course of their activities. In this respect, we frequently deal with issues of wastewater treatment, waste management, noise pollution, fire prevention, and risk management.

Our team assists its industrial clients before administrative, civil and criminal courts. We also offer years of expertise in the area of due diligence in acquisition and restructuring transactions.

Environment & Site Remediation

A significant share of our activity is dedicated to soil and groundwater clean-up obligations. Our team advises clients and also litigates on their behalf in these matters with regard to site closures, land sales, and construction operations. Accidental or gradual contaminations and the ensuing mandatory clean-up operations constitute major sources of costs. Legal and reputational risk containment are therefore absolute priorities for us.

Environment, Mining & Quarry Activities

Our team frequently advises mining and quarrying companies.

Liability transfer and remediation issues in relation with the operation and final closure of sites raise specific legal and financial constraints. The team is accustomed to bringing operational and practical answers.

Environment, Energy & Nuclear Activities

Environmental constraints now affect energy production activities in unprecedented ways. Paradoxically, renewables fuel seemingly endless litigious actions based on environmental and zoning grounds.

Our team advises many operators and investors in the energy and renewables sector with a constant view to preventing litigation. We frequently act in the creation, structuring and transfer of special purpose entities dedicated to such energy projects. We now also advise in the take-over of hydroelectric concessions.

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Environment & Infrastructures

Infrastructure projects (roads, public and private network infrastructure installations) now have to comply with increasingly complex, intertwined and operation-specific environmental protection rules. Administrative procedures have therefore become more cumbersome and are not immune from litigation risks. Our team assists its clients (construction companies, concessionaries, investors and financial institutions) in factoring in such regulations and in preventing risks.

Environment & Real Estate

The search for quality portfolios is now leading investors and portfolio managers to seek low-energy assets and to implement management strategies incorporating environmental, health and safety aspects. Key elements include energy consumption, the presence of asbestos-containing materials, legionella control, as well as soil and groundwater conditions.

The team offers daily support to the firm's real estate practice group on real estate acquisitions, transfers, financing, and management operations for residential, commercial, and professional portfolios.

Environment, Products & Services

Environmental constraints now affect products and not only activities. With the concept of extended producer liability, manufacturers must account for the environmental impact of their products not only at the production and use stages, but also at the stage of their disposal and recycling (automobiles, electric and electronic equipment, tires, batteries, and accumulators).

As a result, environmental, health, and safety impact assessments have become key obligations for producers and importers alike. With specific experience regarding the EU's WEEE and RoHS directives as well as with EU regulation REACH, Gide now assists a variety of clients with their pre and post-marketing obligations and contractual consequences.

Environment & Tax Law

The French government's ambitious green policies have led to the creation of various and ever changing tax schemes. The firm advises many clients in these complex matters.

Gide Loyrette Nouel A.A.R.P.I. provides a 'very good level of service' to many leading French industrial companies, including high-profile oil, energy and chemical groups. The five-lawyer team handles highly sensitive work, especially in the nuclear field and is regularly involved in lawsuits pertaining to classified sites and water and waste issues. The team recently defended ANDRA following a series of lawsuits introduced by NGOs regarding the implantation of a future radioactive waste disposal site. Other areas of expertise include mining law. Chimirec, Total and BIC are also clients. Top expert Jean-Nicolas Clément, who gives 'good and practical advice', recently assisted the French Ministry of Environment with the drafting of several soil pollution decrees. »

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Well-regarded environment law team acting for key public and private clients from the energy, mining and waste management industries. Experienced in criminal, civil and commercial environmental disputes. Offers expertise in waste disposal and soil pollution issues. Clients praise the lawyers for being 'excellent specialists - perseverant and precise.' »

Chambers Europe 2018

Leading lawyer and head of environment Jean-Nicolas Clément of Gide Loyrette Nouel AARPI has recently represented ANDRA in several lawsuits regarding a prospective radioactive waste disposal site. He has further experience advising on soil pollution issues, renewable energy matters and mining law. »

Chambers Europe 2017

Well-known top tier firm for public administrative law with a wide range of specialists in energy and environment, urban planning and development. Seasoned in litigation for sponsors and public authorities, particularly those in the industrial and banking sectors. »

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