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Gide Loyrette Nouel AARPI**See firm profile p.352**

Integrated within the firm's public law department, this small environment group includes three lawyers who are fully dedicated to environmental law matters. The team is recognised primarily for its litigation skills, although it is also able to support clients in transactions and regulatory work, including climate change issues. With a strong background in public law and an extensive knowledge of the sector, **David Desforges** is a popular choice for environment advice and "anticipates any forthcoming concerns that could affect your business." With a pragmatic approach, he also "provides you with the right and clear piece of advice you need to solve problems you may have with other parties," explained one source.

Huglo Lepage & Associés Conseil

This niche firm specialises in the environment sector and has broad expertise in public law-related matters. With capabilities in litigation, it is also recognised for its assistance with regulatory issues and its advice to public and private companies on all environmental risks inherent in contracts. Founder of the firm and one of the pioneers in the environment sector, **Christian Huglo** has extensive experience and remains a reference point in the market. **Corinne Lepage** has excellent connections and is able to draw on her previous experience as the country's environment minister.

Jones Day**See firm profile p.1358**

Working closely with the firm's dispute resolution department in environment-related litigation, this team has the skills and resources to handle multi-jurisdictional cases. Its high-profile clientele, such as Areva, GE and EDF, demonstrates its knowledge of several industries, especially energy and natural resources. Of counsel **Françoise Labrousse** (see p.336) is valued by clients for her good understanding of the US market, which also enables her to tackle cases involving several jurisdictions. Her broad practice covers the energy, nuclear and mining sectors and she is also noted for her excellent standing in climate change work.

Savin Martinet Associés**See firm profile p.359**

Renowned in the market for its excellent work for real estate companies and its expertise in Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) European directives, this firm "provides you with the appropriate guidance that

enables you to make the best decisions." Clients appreciate its impressive knowledge of environmental and administrative laws and its negotiating skills. Additionally, the lawyers are extremely available for their clients, with sources commenting: "They don't mind receiving a call at impossible hours." An expert in French environmental law, **Patricia Savin** (see p.342) has a positive, pragmatic approach: "She understands your business, goes on site and always tries to find a proper solution to your administrative and legal problems," clients say. **Yvon Martinet** (see p.338) works alongside Savin and is praised for his thorough understanding of environment-related matters. He is considered to be a good listener who is always open to discussion.

UGGC & Associés

Acclaimed for its strength in the environment sector, this firm provides a well-balanced service consisting of both advisory work and assistance in litigation. The team's best-known name, **Jean-Nicolas Clément** excels in public and environmental law and benefits from extensive experience in the oil, gas, mining and chemical industries.

Other Notable Practitioners

A new entry to the tables, sole practitioner **Laurence Lanoy** is particularly noted for her advice on pollution and health-related issues. Acting for both local authorities and private companies, she has a good overview of the market and is praised for her accurate and effective advice. **Yvan Raza** of **Adamas** is well known in the market for his excellent public law practice and has a good command of environmental law. Interviewees praise his strong capabilities in litigation and his invaluable assistance to public authorities.

ENVIRONMENT

Environment: Climate Change
Leading Firms
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Jones Day

Band 1**Jones Day****See firm profile p.1358**

Drawing on the firm's international coverage and the skills of colleagues in the environment department, this climate change group is able to take on multi-jurisdictional work and it also tackles a significant amount of cross-border projects relating to the

Clean Development Mechanism. A pioneer in the climate change field, the team has extensive experience and provides excellent advice on emissions rights-related cases. More generally, the group assists foreign and French companies with all the regulatory aspects of climate change matters and works alongside the firm's tax and corporate lawyers in complex cases. The main contact for clients is **Sophie Hagege**.

CLIMATE CHANGE**INSURANCE****Band 1****Bouckaert Ormen Passemard Sportes (BOPS)**

With "an incredibly high level of expertise and precise practical knowledge," this well-established niche firm is one of the most dominant in the market. The group of six partners and 14 associates covers all aspects of insurance law, including the pharmaceuticals, construction and aviation sectors. The team, which counts **AIG**, **Allianz** and **OdysseyRe** amongst its clients, also has an international presence. The "five-star and simply outstanding" **Christian Bouckaert** impresses clients with the breadth and depth of his experience. Peers note that he is well con-

nected for international cases. **Pascal Ormen** is also a key member of the team and is held in high regard for his dedication and technical abilities.

HMN & Partners**See firm profile p.353**

This "heavyweight and hugely recognised firm" commands great respect. Superb in litigation, it specialises in professional liability, reinsurance, life insurance and aviation matters whilst maintaining its international presence. "One of the godfathers of insurance," **Gérard Honig** successfully fronts the practice alongside **Bernard Mettetal**, who enjoys a great reputation for his work in regulatory litigation and industrial accident matters. **Mettetal** is also very highly

regarded for his specialism in reinsurance. **Simon Ndiaye** is making a name for himself as an expert in industrial risk cases.

Band 2**Clyde & Co LLP**

While this highly visible group is active in several types of insurance, it focuses on maritime and aviation matters, areas in which it is well respected. Able to operate on an international level, it most often takes on contentious work, and it has a reinsurance practice. **Clarisse Billot** is well respected for her varied practice.

Insurance
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Clyde & Co LLP
Dewey & LeBoeuf
Gide Loyrette Nouel AARPI
Hascoët & Associés
Karila
Lefèvre Pelletier & associés
PHPG & Partners
Raffin & Associés
Tétaud Lambard Jami & Associés
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Hascoët Francois Hascoët & Associés
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Mettetal Bernard HMN & Partners
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Hecquet Francoise PHPG & Partners
Hotellier Delage Severine Hascoët & Associés
Karila Laurent Karila
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Grenier Patrice Tétaud Lambard Jami & Associés
Ndiaye Simon HMN & Partners
Patrimonio Mathieu Raffin & Associés
Payrau-Sorba Emmanuelle DLA Piper UK LLP
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de la Chapelle Frédérique Hascoët & Associés

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Dewey & LeBoeuf

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This small, well-organised team represents a wide range of EU and US clients including life, non-life and health insurers, intermediaries, bankers and capital providers. Peers particularly highlight its great reputation for reinsurance work. Jean Alisse heads up the team and is a "big name in the reinsurance field." Clients regard him as an excellent professional, and peers know him for his solid regulatory work.

Gide Loyrette Nouel AARPI

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This group, consisting of three partners and 12 associates, specialises in maritime, industrial accidents and pharmaceuticals matters. With a focus on domestic issues, the team does a lot of work in product liability. Emmanuel Fontaine and Philippe Rames both provide excellent litigation services and are "lawyers to go to when you need someone really experienced." The very talented Richard Ghueldre provides top-notch advisory work.

Hascoët & Associés

This firm works with both insurers and insureds and is renowned for its work in industrial risk cases. Very active in accident litigation, the team has done much work for insurance companies. Francois Hascoët has a fantastic reputation built on his ability to combine complex legal knowledge with practical business sense. Severine Hotellier Delage is respected by the market for her work in industrial risk. Up-and-comer Frédérique de la Chapelle has recently done significant amounts of reinsurance and international advisory work.

Karila

This niche boutique is highly regarded for its specialism in construction insurance matters, and it is active in areas such as industrial risk and personal liability. Laurent Karila enjoys an excellent reputation as an effective and thorough lawyer, and Jean-Pierre Karila is recognised for "his expertise and authority before the courts and among other lawyers."

Lefèvre Pelletier & associés

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This firm has more than ten lawyers dedicated to its insurance practice, which covers areas including life insurance, advisory, distribution and litigation. Peers

highlight its presence in real estate and corporate insurance matters, and clients note the team's responsiveness and practicality. The head of the practice is Marie-Christine Peyroux.

PHPG & Partners

This firm was formed last year by former Clyde & Co partners Francoise Hecquet and Jean-Marie Préel, who brought with them a strong domestic and international network. It is highly esteemed particularly in the areas of industrial risk, construction, and product liability. Hecquet and Préel are well known as formidable insurance lawyers who combine practical business sense, excellent contacts and personable client service.

Raffin & Associés

This well-established team represents some of France's most highly regarded brokers. Seven of the nine partners at the firm specialise in insurance, and the team takes on much construction, industrial risk and professional liability work and is very active in litigation cases. Clients emphasise Mathieu Patrimonio's technical abilities and effectiveness.

Tétaud Lambard Jami & Associés

Good for domestic work, this team specialises in construction insurance and industrial risk work. Its four partners and 15 lawyers have a number of different specialisms, in areas such as medical liability. It has a solid reputation for its litigation work and is developing its international presence. Christian Lambard is well reputed as an incredibly strong litigator and is a recognised specialist in industrial risk matters. Patrice Grenier is similarly well respected for his high-quality work.

Other Notable Practitioners

Jean-Marc Blamoutier of Blamoutier-Salphati & Associés is well respected by his peers for his work in brokers' insurance. Jean-Daniel Bretzner of Bredin Prat "brings his knowledge in litigation to the insurance practice." Emmanuelle Payrau-Sorba of DLA Piper UK LLP is a forceful presence in construction insurance. Pascal Trillat of Trillat & Associes is renowned for his litigation, industrial risk and industrial civil liability work.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Band 1

Allen & Overy LLP

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This team of eight is recognised for its sterling work for prominent pharmaceutical laboratories on patent litigation. The lawyers act for domestic and international industrial groups, ranging from medical device manufacturers to the cement industry, and are acclaimed for their cross-border litigation abilities. In the pharmaceutical sector, where they are particularly renowned, they represent brand-name drugs manufacturers only and not generic companies. The group has also developed a regulatory practice alongside its patent anti-counterfeiting expertise and tackles relat-

ed competition and antitrust matters. Pierre Lenoir (see p.337), "an authority in patent disputes," leads the team and extends his activity to trade mark issues, essentially through litigation.

Bird & Bird AARPI

The firm's distinguished IP practice is a balanced one, with the two lead partners focusing on different aspects of IP: Isabelle Leroux has a fantastic reputation for soft IP matters and is valued for her excellent advice on trade marks, while Yves Bizollon excels at cross-border disputes and is the firm's resident patents expert. Bizollon is representing the Central European Bank in two highly significant patent counterfeit procedures. The team of 12 is involved in

sectors that are traditional to the firm, such as life sciences, telecoms and IT, and also IP-specific sectors such as the fashion, luxury goods and food industries. The lawyers are renowned litigators, which is their main focus area, and also receive praise for their counselling skills: "They really walk us through the issues and take part in the decision-making process, rather than sitting back and giving us advice from a distance." Clients include Zodia, Cegetel and Allergan.

Gide Loyrette Nouel AARPI

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Acclaimed by market sources as a thriving IP practice, this full-service team comprises more than 20 lawyers who cover patents, trade marks, copyrights, models