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The Best Lawyers in France[™] and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in France[™] 2023 Editions Released

AUGUSTA, Ga., 23 June 2022 — Best Lawyers[®], the most respected guide to the legal profession with more than 40 years of experience compiling purely peer review data, is pleased to release the 13^{th} edition of *The Best Lawyers in France* and the second edition of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in France*[™].

The 2023 edition of *The Best Lawyers in France* recognizes the professional excellence of 3,024 lawyers in 78 practice areas across 16 metropolitan areas. The "Lawyer of the Year" honor is awarded to only one individual per practice area in each region with extremely high overall feedback from their peers. In the 2023 edition, only 78 honorees earned this exceptional distinguishment.

"We are pleased to continue presenting the most reliable, unbiased legal awards for the top legal professionals in France through our esteemed and unique peer review process," says Best Lawyers CEO Phil Greer. "It continues to be an honor to recognize talented and deserving lawyers earlier in their careers in France through our Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch honors."

The *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in France* list is conducted with the same methodology as all Best Lawyers recognitions: purely peer review. Lawyers are the best resource to provide feedback on the caliber of work performed by their peers, and the honorees on this list have been identified as the top legal talent who have on average been in practice for 3-8 years. In the 2023 edition, 500 honorees were recognized in 24 practice areas across 3 metropolitan areas.

In addition to the individual lawyer recognitions, 21 firms received a "Law Firm of the Year" award in 25 practice areas. "Law Firm of the Year" awards are country and practice area specific. They are determined based on a handful of factors, including feedback from lawyers recognized by Best Lawyers on individual lawyer and firm-wide work, the size and coverage of the firm in a specific practice area, historical analysis of the firm's "Lawyer of the Year" awards in this area and research surrounding the firm's overall scope and areas of expertise.

A lawyer can be nominated for the traditional Best Lawyers recognition or Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch awards, but they cannot be nominated for recognition in both lists at the same time. Lawyers who are nominated for consideration are voted on by currently recognized honorees working in the same practice area and located in the same geographic region. Our awards and recognitions are based purely on the feedback we receive from these top lawyers. Lawyers are not required nor allowed to pay a fee to be listed; therefore, inclusion in a Best Lawyers list is considered a singular honor. Those who receive high peer reviews undergo a thorough verification process to make sure they are currently still in private practice. Only then will Best Lawyers recognize these top lawyers.

"Law Firm of the Year" Honoree: ADVANT Altana	Practice Area: Construction Law
Allen & Overy	Banking and Finance Law
August Debouzy	Intellectual Property Law
Bredin Prat	Corporate Law
Bredin Prat	Litigation
Cabinet Vercken & Gaullier	Media Law
Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton	Capital Markets Law
Clifford Chance	Project Finance and Development Practice
CMS Francis Lefebvre	Tax Law
Darrois Villey Maillot Brochier	Competition / Antitrust Law
Darrois Villey Maillot Brochier	Mergers and Acquisitions Law
De Pardieu Brocas Maffei	Insolvency and Reorganization Law
De Pardieu Brocas Maffei	Real Estate Law
Dechert	Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice
DLA Piper	Aviation Law
DLA Piper	Privacy and Data Security Law
DS Avocats	Environmental Law
Féral	Information Technology Law
Gide Loyrette Nouel	Public Law
HFW	Insurance Law
Joffe & Associés	Sports Law
Proskauer Rose	Labor and Employment Law
<u>Temime</u>	Criminal Defense
Weil, Gotshal & Manges	Private Equity Law
White & Case	Arbitration and Mediation

For research purposes, smaller and more rural cities located within a reasonable distance to larger cities are combined into single geographical regions called "metro areas" to help collect as much feedback and data as possible. France, as defined by Best Lawyers, is composed of 16 metro areas. Paris is the metro area with the most listed lawyers.

Search *The Best Lawyers in France*[™] results by lawyer name, firm, region and/or practice area by visiting <u>www.bestlawyers.com/france.</u>

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