

■ Administrative and public law

Our firm has developed a strong reputation in all matters relating to the involvement of French state agencies, including the French state, regions, municipalities, specific state institutions or agencies in current business activities. Reciprocally, we also advise companies when dealing with the French state agencies. Our expertise extends to the negotiation and drafting of contracts governed by specific administrative rules such as concessions, long-term administrative leases, state delegations to business entities or joint-ventures with private companies.

We regularly advise French state agencies on the adjustment of their activities to the new financial and economic requirements imposed upon them by governmental policies.

State agencies are particularly satisfied in finding in our law firm a joint expertise in commercial as well as administrative matters which helps them rapidly understand and adapt themselves to current business practices when dealing with private entities. This joint expertise has proved to be particularly useful in transactions such as project financing, telecommunication networks, management of state agencies involved in current business transactions.

Our firm has also developed a strong expertise in two important areas: environmental law and the French health and medical system.

Our firm has a leading expertise in the deregulatory process involving French public utilities: railroad transportation, natural gas, electricity, telecommunications and the privatization of certain of their activities: conversion of state agencies into private companies, outsourcing and creation of subsidiaries. This expertise includes transactions such as private-public-partnerships ("P.P.P.")

■ Urban planning and civil engineering law

Our Firm is also specialized in urban planning law and civil engineering law. The Firm advises clients, public authorities or private persons in matters related to authorizations (building permits, land-related authorizations, etc.), urban planning certificates and other documents.

Our Firm has also developed a particular expertise in the assistance of public persons willing to maximize the value of land assets by operations of civil engineering and urbanism.

We assist clients not only in the operation design or negotiation of the necessary agreements but also in the litigation they may have before competent courts.

■ **Environment law – classified facilities law**

The Firm is constantly active in environment law and advises clients in the preparation, the negotiation and the enforcement of agreements related to transfer and closure of industrial activities (waste management, classified facilities).

We also assist clients in their relationships with the public authorities in various environment matters. Finally, in case of litigation, the Firm assists and represents clients before civil, commercial, criminal, administrative or arbitral courts.