

CRISIS AND REPUTATIONAL INJURY MANAGEMENT

The stakes involved in the matters in which we are appointed and their urgency require us to react quickly. Our team is accustomed to immediate mobilisation in all fields, and is able to rapidly present possible solutions to our clients, in France and other countries. We work with high-quality contacts throughout the world, whom we have selected in conjunction with our clients and from whom we demand the same degree of availability.

- We defended the interests of a Brazilian businessman who was prosecuted before the Paris High Court on the grounds of misappropriation of corporate assets, forgery and use of forged documents, bribery of foreign public officials, concealment and laundering the proceeds of these offences and laundering of the proceeds of tax fraud in connection with the signature of several contracts with an African country.
- We defended the interests of a former officer of a leading Swiss trust company involved in criminal proceedings initiated on the grounds of fraud by an organised gang and laundering of the proceeds of tax fraud by an organised gang in connection with the sale of fake antique furniture through offshore structures.
- We defended the interests of a Swiss bank, which acted as the arranger for two bond issues and as representative of the bondholders, in insolvency proceedings initiated against the issuer following the discovery of a massive fraud that had caused the company's financial statements to misrepresent the true picture for many years.
- We defended the interests of an oligarch in connection with a criminal investigation initiated before the Paris High Court on the grounds of alleged bribery in connection with the award of various contracts in central Europe. We defended the interests of that same oligarch in connection with a parliamentary enquiry initiated in Belgium to investigate the alleged interference of the French government in past legal proceedings involving our client that had ended in a plea bargain that had become final.
- We defended the interests of a spirits group in connection with an investigation initiated in France concerning various exports to Morocco.
- We defended the interests of the acquirer of a company in connection with a criminal investigation initiated before the Paris High Court on the grounds of bribery of foreign public officials and influence peddling alleged against the company's former officers.
- We defended a former Senator and Junior Minister in connection with proceedings initiated against him on the grounds of alleged acts of violence, racial insults and insulting a holder of public authority.
- We defended the interests of a leading cement group in connection with a criminal investigation initiated before the Paris High Court on the grounds of alleged financing of terrorism.
- We defended the interests of a prominent Saudi figure who was a defendant in criminal proceedings in France.
- We defended the interests of the French subsidiary of a German group in the construction sector before the French consumer fraud authorities (DGCCRF) in connection with the discovery that one of its products was not in compliance with a technical standard.
- We prepared and filed, within a very short time, emergency summary proceedings against NGOs in Paris, Lyon and Amsterdam, which were filed and heard the same day, and obtained various injunctions intended to protect highly sensitive transports of nuclear materials between the United States and France, as well as within France.
- We prepared and filed, within a very short time, civil and criminal actions in France and Australia following the publication of confidential information stolen from our client, and obtained various orders to withdraw said information and prohibiting any further publication thereof.

The procedural strategy must be consistent with the communication our clients wish to make to protect the image of their group, officers and teams, as well as of the activities that are the basis of their reputation.

In all matters, we work preventively and in an ongoing manner with the persons who produce communications for our clients. This cooperation continues throughout the proceedings. We have established privileged relationships with the most important crisis communication agencies in the market, with which we are accustomed to work on matters that create a risk of reputational risk for companies and their personnel.

Lastly, we regularly contribute to the drafting of press releases when the developments in the proceedings warrant, we draft rights of response, and we file the actions required in the event of insults or defamation and to obtain the withdrawal of illicit content, in France and in other countries.

- We defended the interests of a public institution in connection with the publication of various defamatory articles alleging that the medical equipment of one of its suppliers was dangerous.
- We defended the interests of a corporate officer in connection with defamatory allegations of bribery made against him in connection with various investments made by his group in Morocco.
- We defended the interests of an asset manager and its chairman who were victims of defamation and public insults in parallel with an investigation conducted by the French financial market authority.
- We provided legal advice to a leading armaments company on possible actions against an employee and trade union representative who made comments detrimental to the company's honour and image.
- We provided legal advice to a public administrative establishment in the health sector on possible actions against a former employee who made defamatory comments about it.
- We defended the interests of an energy/nuclear group that was the subject of numerous attacks in the press about the operating conditions of a uranium mine in Gabon.
- We provided legal advice to a public administrative establishment in the health sector on possible actions against the authors of a letter sent to the Minister of Health that was made public and that contained defamatory allegations.
- We defended the interests of a famous navigator who was defamed during an ocean rowing crossing of the Atlantic, and who responded with insulting remarks, and obtained a lenient decision (symbolic damages of one euro).
- We defended the interests of an energy/nuclear group that was the subject of numerous attacks in the press about the operating conditions of its industrial installation in Niger.
- We defended the interests of a construction and public works group following the posting on-line, on multiple websites, of defamatory comments about it and its officers, and obtained the removal of all illicit content.