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Kiril Bougartchev studied at Université Paris II-Panthéon Assas. He holds postgraduate diplomas in business law (Magistère) and tax law (DESS).

He interned at renowned US law firms (including Coudert Brothers) and securities brokers (including Morgan, Olmstead, and Kennedy & Gardner) before he started his career as an auditor at Arthur Andersen. In 1989, he joined Gide Loyrette Nouel; in 1999, he became partner of the litigation and white-collar crime department. Kiril joined Linklaters in June 2007, where he was made co-head of the dispute resolution practice in Paris and facilitator of the Linklaters global white-collar crime group.

Kiril co-founded the Bougartchev Moyne Associés law firm in January 2017.

With about 30 years of experience, Kiril has a leading market reputation in fraud/white-collar crime.

He is also involved in civil, commercial and regulatory disputes (including regulatory matters before the AMF and the French Prudential Supervisory Authority). His areas of expertise include the energy, aerospace and defence sectors, as well as the insurance and banking industries. He regularly pleads before the criminal courts and handles international white-collar crime matters.

He was formerly a Secrétaire de la Conférence des Avocats of the Paris Bar and successively an outside lecturer and examiner in white-collar crime at Paris II University (DJCE), and a lecturer in international criminal procedure at Montpellier University (master's programme in criminal law). Since 2011 he has been an external contributor and examiner on the legal and tax management MSc degree at EDHEC Business School.

He was member of the working committee on decriminalisation of business criminal law and company competition at Paris Europlace. In this regard, he has been working on the reform of article 145 of the French Code of Civil Procedure (French discovery) and on the extension of the French guilty plea procedure to all criminal offences.

He published many articles about misuse of corporate assets, corruption, criminal liability of auditors or business secrecy, and authored the French chapter of the *Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Review* (Law Business Research, 2012–2015 editions).

He has been involved in matters such as *Pechiney Triangle, Credit Lyonnais, Banque Pallas Stern, GMF, COFIBEL/COFIMINES/DPV, ARC, les Haras Nationaux, Sentier, les Écoutes de l'Élysées, Trianon Palace, Elf, Vivendi, Executive Life, LVMH/Hermès, HSBC, Libor/Euribor* and so on.

He currently advises Reyl & Cie and its CEO in the *Cahuzac* matter and is also involved in the *UBS* case. He also represents DCNI in the criminal proceedings following the Karachi bombing (2002).

Kiril is viewed as “an expert in white-collar crime, very involved in his matters” (*Chambers*); he is also deemed “trustworthy” and “very customer-oriented and creative” with “a very high level of strategic vision” (*Legal 500*). Since 2007, Kiril has been ranked as “essential” in several categories (including white-collar crime, commercial and financial litigation, and regulatory litigation) by the leading French publication *Décideurs*, where he is also listed among the “great strategists”.

In 2009, Kiril and his team were named White-Collar Crime Team of the Year by *Décideurs* and since then have been frequently distinguished at the Trophées du Droit awards. In 2013, Kiril was named Lawyer of the Year for France in criminal defence by the international directory *Best Lawyers*.

WWL says: Kiril Bougartchev is a distinguished litigator with exceptional experience in white-collar criminal matters.