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Kiril Bougartchev

Bougartchev Moyne Associés AARPI

Kiril Bougartchev studied at Panthéon-Assas University Paris II. He holds postgraduate diplomas in business law (magisterium) 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 LLP in June 2007, where he was made co-head of the dispute resolution practice in Paris and facilitator of the Linklaters LLP global white-collar crime group.

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

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

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, defence, real estate, pharmaceutical, IT, wine and spirits, hotels and restaurants, retail and luxury sectors, as well as the insurance and banking industries.

He has been involved in matters such as Pechiney Triangle, Crédit Lyonnais, Banque Pallas Stern, GMF, COFIBEL/COFIMINES/DPV, ARC, Haras nationaux, Sentier, Trianon Palace, Frégates de Taïwan, Elf, Vivendi, Executive Life, Ecoutes de l'Elysée, HSBC, LIBOR/EURIBOR, Cahuzac and so on.

In January 2016, Kiril implemented in a money-laundering matter the first plea bargaining ever with the French government and the French financial public prosecutor.

He is currently involved in several corruption or laundering of tax fraud proceeds cases as well as in the criminal proceedings following the Karachi bombing (2002).

Kiril also advises clients in the implementation of efficient anti-corruption programmes pursuant to the Sapin II Law and assists them in connection with the controls undertaken by the French Anticorruption Agency.

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 is member of the International Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

He published many articles about misuse of corporate assets, corruption, criminal liability of auditors, business secrecy, Sapin II Law, cryptocurrencies and ICOs. He authored the French chapters of *The Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Review* (Law Business Research, 2012–2015 editions), of the *Anti-Corruption Practice Guide* published by *Chambers and Partners* (2018 and 2019 editions) and of a comparative law book about the offence of corruption published by Oxford University in 2019.

In 2017 and 2018, Kiril has been ranked by *Chambers and Partners* Band 1 in white-collar litigation: "Interviewees highlight the "global reach" that Kiril Bougartchev of Bougartchev Moyne Associés AARPI is able to provide. He has a great deal of experience in white-collar crime issues, particularly related to the financial sphere, and has

advised on fraud, money laundering and criminal investigations." He has also been ranked Band 2 in corporate compliance and investigations: "Kiril Bougartchev of Bougartchev Moyne Associés AARPI is well known for his criminal law acumen. He acts before the French authorities on behalf of a diverse roster of clients from industries such as energy, banking and aerospace, handling matters ranging from fraud to regulatory compliances."

Kiril is also deemed "trustworthy" and "very customer-oriented and creative" with an "excellent level of strategic vision" in *The Legal 500*. Since 2007, Kiril has been ranked as "essential" or "excellent" in several categories (including white-collar crime, international and internal investigations, compliance programmes, commercial and financial litigation, and regulatory litigation) by the leading French publication *Décideurs*: "Having just started, Kiril Bougartchev and Emmanuel Moyne have already been successful. The team feels comfortable in international investigations as well as internal ones and assists clients in setting up compliance programmes." Kiril is also listed by *Décideurs* among the "great strategists".

In 2009 and 2016, Kiril and his team were named White-Collar Crime Team of the Year by *Décideurs* at the Trophées du Droit awards, where Bougartchev Moyne Associés was recognised as the best Entrepreneurial Firm Under Five Years in 2018. In 2013, Kiril was named Lawyer of the Year for France in criminal defence by the international directory *Best Lawyers*, which ranks him among the "best lawyers 2019" in criminal defence and litigation.

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WWL says: Kiril Bougartchev is a longstanding expert in investigations, offering clients comprehensive advice in complex matters.