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Who's Who Legal

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BUSINESS CRIME DEFENCE & INVESTIGATIONS

Our research into the French business crime defence and investigations spaces sees 40 individuals highlighted this year. The practitioners stand out for their excellence in matters ranging from compliance issues to international investigations and fraud and corruption matters.

Most Highly Regarded

1. Stéphane de Navacelle

Navacelle
Paris

3. Thierry Marembert

Kiejman & Marembert
Paris

2. Stéphane Bonifassi

Bonifassi Avocats
Paris

4. Eric Dezeuze

Bredin Prat
Paris

Navacelle's **Stéphane de Navacelle** is a well-established figure in the market. He runs one of the most distinguished practices in the country that sees him engaged in such matters as internal investigations and white-collar criminal litigation.

Stéphane Bonifassi of Bonifassi Avocats is a pre-eminent name in the French market. He wins applause for his handling of insolvency proceedings, arbitral enforcements and white-collar criminal defence.

Kiejman & Marembert's **Thierry Marembert** is lauded for his "total dedication and availability to his clients", as well as his "reactivity and infallible support he provides". He is recognised as "one of the most knowledgeable white-collar criminal defence lawyers" by sources who add, "Prosecutors and regulators admire and respect him."

At Bredin Prat, **Eric Dezeuze** is "a very professional lawyer" who peers state is "the best in the Paris market". His practice is commended for his "360-degree strategic thinking" on matters such as white-collar criminal defence.

At Cabinet Temime & Associés, **Hervé Temime** is "a famous lawyer in the jurisdiction". Peers state that he is "the go-to lawyer when you have a conflict" and excels defending both individuals and corporates.

Farthouat Asselineau & Associés is home to **Nathalie Roret** who wins plaudits for her deep expertise on criminal liability matters across a range of industry sectors.

Visconti & Grundler's **Benjamin Grundler** is "a superb counterpart to have on cases" according to market sources. He is credited for his wealth of experience on securities litigation and white-collar crime.

At Allen & Overy, **Denis Chemla** receives effusive praise from respondents who describe him as "an excellent lawyer" and "a great leader of teams" on matters such as cross-border litigation.

Olivier Gutkès at Gutkès Avocats is "a fantastic person to work with" according to interviewees who commend him for his impressive understanding of issues relating to securities and white-collar crime.

Willkie Farr & Gallagher has a top-notch practitioner in **Dominique Mondoloni** whose first-class practice sees him engaged in matters arising from multi-jurisdictional corporate investigations.

Jean Alain Michel of Cabinet 10 Messine is "a detail-driven lawyer" who "has a wealth of experience in the field" handling white-collar defence and investigations.

White & Case's **Ludovic Malgrain** wins widespread plaudits for his top-notch work when it comes to handling bribery and corruption compliance matters.

At Bougartchev Moyne Associés, **Kiril Bougartchev** is "very knowledgeable on international cross-border cases" and is "great to work with" according to impressed peers in the space.

Reinhart Marville Torre's **Jean Reinhart** is "very active in business crime defence" according to peers who add that he "has a busy white-collar practice".

Thierry Dalmasso at Dalmasso Cabinet d'Avocats is "a true business crime defence lawyer" with a stellar reputation that sees him receive much praise in our research this year.

At Soulez Larivière & Associés, **Daniel Soulez Larivière** is a prominent figure in the market who is commended for his standout ability defending both corporates and individuals in business crime cases.

Another top name from the firm is **Astrid Mignon Colombet** who wins great praise from peers this year. They note she is "very good in terms of compliance programme review".

Gide Loyrette Nouel's **Bruno Quentin** is a well-respected figure in the jurisdiction who receives widespread support from market observers for his adeptness on stock market violations and fraud and asset misappropriation cases.

Emmanuel Marsigny at Marsigny Avocats is "a brilliant lawyer" who peers state they "would recommend to anyone". He is "very good at oral pleadings" and is "exceptionally dedicated to the client".

Norton Rose Fulbright's **Christian Dargham** is credited for his expert handling of internal investigations and compliance policies. One source states that he is "the most sincere and trustworthy lawyer I know".

At French Cornut-Gentille & Associés, **Pierre Cornut-Gentille** has a prominent practice that sees him engaged in the defence of both companies and individuals. One impressed source describes him as "the smartest lawyer there is in Paris".

Alexis Gublin of Cabinet Delecroix-Gublin is an outstanding practitioner who is endorsed for his excellent work on international bribery and corruption investigations.



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, automobile, real estate, construction, pharmaceutical, IT, telecommunications, 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 Taiwan*, *Elf*, *Vivendi*, *Executive Life*, *Ecoutes de l'Elysée*, *HSBC*, *LIBOR/ EURIBOR*, *Cahuzac*, *Fillon* and others.

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 anticorruption 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, of the American Bar Association and of the Institut Montaigne.

He published many articles about misuse of corporate assets, corruption, criminal liability of auditors, business secrecy, Sapin II Law, tax fraud, 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 Bougartchev has been ranked by *Chambers and Partners* Band 1 in white-collar litigation. The guide states: "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, with the guide stating: "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*, which states: "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, 2016 and 2019, 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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