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BUSINESS CRIME DEFENCE & INVESTIGATIONS

Here we recognise 41 individuals highlighted for their excellence in fraud and corruption investigations, AML regulation, white-collar criminal defence proceedings and compliance matters.

Most highly regarded	
<p>Stéphane Bonifassi <i>Bonifassi Avocats</i> Paris</p>	<p>Denis Chemla <i>Allen & Overy</i> Paris</p>
<p>Stéphane de Navacelle <i>Navacelle</i> Paris</p>	<p>Eric Dezeuze <i>Bredin Prat</i> Paris</p>

Stéphane Bonifassi of Bonifassi Avocats is a “very experienced” white-collar crime lawyer, hailed for his market-leading expertise in high-value corporate investigations.

Navacelle’s **Stéphane de Navacelle** is “very active in this space” and ranks as one of the foremost white-collar crime lawyers in the country.

The distinguished **Denis Chemla** of Allen & Overy is adept at handling white-collar crime and regulatory defence proceedings for large corporates.

Éric Dezeuze of Bredin Prat is widely regarded as “one of the best in France” for business criminal defence proceedings.

At Visconti & Grundler, **Julien Visconti** draws praise from market commentators for his experience in financial business crime and white-collar investigations.

Benjamin Grundler is a “great practitioner” held in high esteem for his tremendous understanding of financial criminal law and defence litigation.

At Darrois Villey Maillot Brochier, **Jean-Michel Darrois** is admired by peers for his adept ability in complex and high-profile investigations.

Christophe Ingrain is praised as an “experienced lawyer” who is “very

well known and active” in white-collar criminal defence proceedings.

Thierry Marembert of Kiejman & Marembert is credited with “extensive knowledge of the legal environment” and “the capacity to break down complex situations into clear ones”.

Astrid Mignon Colombet of Soulez Larivière & Associés is recognised for her “excellent” work and insight in complex criminal proceedings.

Daniel Soulez Larivière excels in anti-corruption matters and is lauded as a “specialist in criminal law”.

Sophie Scemla of Gide Loyrette Nouel is a “very active and very well-known figure in the market”, hailed for her judicious approach to compliance and corporate investigations.

Bruno Quentin is well thought of among peers thanks to his deft handling of white-collar crime litigation and internal corporate investigations.

Vincent Asselineau of Asselineau & Associés is a “prominent” practitioner, singled out as “one of the best” for business crime defence proceedings in France.

Market commentators would “highly recommend” **Kiril Bougartchev** at

Bougartchev Moyne Associés due to his exceptional experience of white-collar crime investigations.

White & Case’s **Ludovic Malgrain** shines in white-collar cases, as seen in his stellar work on numerous high-profile and complex criminal proceedings.

Hervé Temime of Cabinet Temime is a “high-profile” name in the French market, where he enjoys a “superb reputation” in criminal defence and related litigation.

François Esclatine of Veil Jourde is a top-tier criminal law specialist, with deep knowledge in corporate crime litigation proceedings.

Jean-Yves Garaud of Cleary Gottlieb is distinguished as “very active” and “excellent” in white-collar criminal matters.

Emmanuel Marsigny of Marsigny Gosset Avocats is an “exceptional” lawyer, endorsed for his “brilliant” representation of clients in criminal defence proceedings.

Nathalie Roret of Farthouat Asselineau & Associés is “as close as you can get to a French hearing guru”, according to market commentators.

Biographies



Kiril Bougartchev

Bougartchev Moyne Associés AARPI

Kiril Bougartchev studied at Panthéon Assas University Paris II. He holds postgraduate diplomas in business law and tax law.

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, and in 1999 became partner of the litigation and white-collar crime department. Kiril joined Linklaters LLP in June 2007; he was made co-head of the dispute resolution practice in Paris and facilitator of the global white-collar crime group.

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

Kiril is involved in many notorious white-collar crime cases, including sensitive political and financial matters. He is also involved in regulatory disputes (including before the French Financial Markets Authority, the French Anti-corruption Agency (AFA) and the French Prudential Supervisory Authority) and complex civil and commercial litigation.

Kiril advises clients on the conception, implementation and strengthening of their anti-corruption and compliance programmes, and assists them in connection with controls undertaken by the AFA. He also assists clients in performing compliance and anti-corruption M&A due diligence, and advises them in connection with their internal investigations and training programmes.

His areas of expertise cover a variety of industries including energy; chemicals; defence; aerospace; automotive; IT; telecoms; pharmaceuticals; real estate; construction; food; wine and spirits; hotels and restaurants; retail; luxury goods; art; insurance; and banking and finance.

In 2018 and 2019, *Chambers Europe* ranked him in band one for white-collar crime practice. The guide stated, "Interviewees highlight the 'global reach' that Kiril 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." The guide also placed him in band two for corporate compliance and investigations, and stated: "Kiril Bougartchev 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 compliance."

Since its founding, Bougartchev Moyne Associés AARPI has consistently been honoured by *The Legal 500: EMEA*, which ranks the firm in band two for white-collar crime and identifies Kiril as a "leading individual". The guide named the creation of Bougartchev Moyne Associés AARPI as one of the most significant events of 2017, and called the firm a "very professional and highly knowledgeable litigation boutique" with an "excellent level of partner involvement in cases". Kiril was also praised for his "strategic vision in complex cases".

Décideurs magazine has ranked Kiril among the most prominent lawyers in white-collar crime, and named him "excellent" for commercial litigation; international and internal investigations; and compliance programmes (2018 and 2019). The magazine also placed him on its list of "highly recommended" lawyers in financial and post-acquisition litigation (2019).

Décideurs also named Kiril's team white-collar crime team of the year at the *Trophées du Droit* awards (2009, 2016 and 2019); the firm also won an award for the best entrepreneurial firm (under five years established) (2018), and the Compliance Silver Award (2019 and 2020).

In 2019, Bougartchev Moyne Associés AARPI was distinguished by Best Lawyers as the "law firm of the year" in criminal defence, with Kiril recognised for his expertise in criminal defence, litigation and regulatory practice. Bougartchev Moyne Associés AARPI is also listed among the law firms identified by GIR as forming "France's investigation bar" (GIR, "France's investigation bar", 3 December 2018).

Kiril was formerly a *secrétaire de la conférence des avocats* of the Paris Bar. Since 2011 he has been an external contributor and examiner on the legal and tax management MSc degree at EDHEC Business School. As of 2020, he is also an external contributor on the *magistère* diploma at Panthéon Assas University Paris II.

He is member of the International Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the Institut Montaigne.

He has published many articles about misuse of corporate assets, corruption, criminal liability of auditors, business secrecy, the Sapin II Law, the French blocking statute, cryptocurrencies and ICOs. He authored the French chapters of *The Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Review* (Law Business Research, 2012–2015); *The Anti-Corruption Practice Guide* (Chambers and Partners, 2018–2020); *The Securities & Related Investigations Guide* (GIR, 2019); and the first edition of *The White-Collar Practice Guide* (Chambers and Partners, 2020). He also authored a comparative law book about corruption, *From Baksheesh to Bribery* (Oxford University Press, 2019).

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WWL says: Market commentators would "highly recommend" Kiril Bougartchev due to his exceptional knowledge and experience of white-collar crime investigations.

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Nominees have been selected based on comprehensive, independent survey work with both general counsel and private practitioners worldwide.

Only specialists who have met independent international research criteria are listed.

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