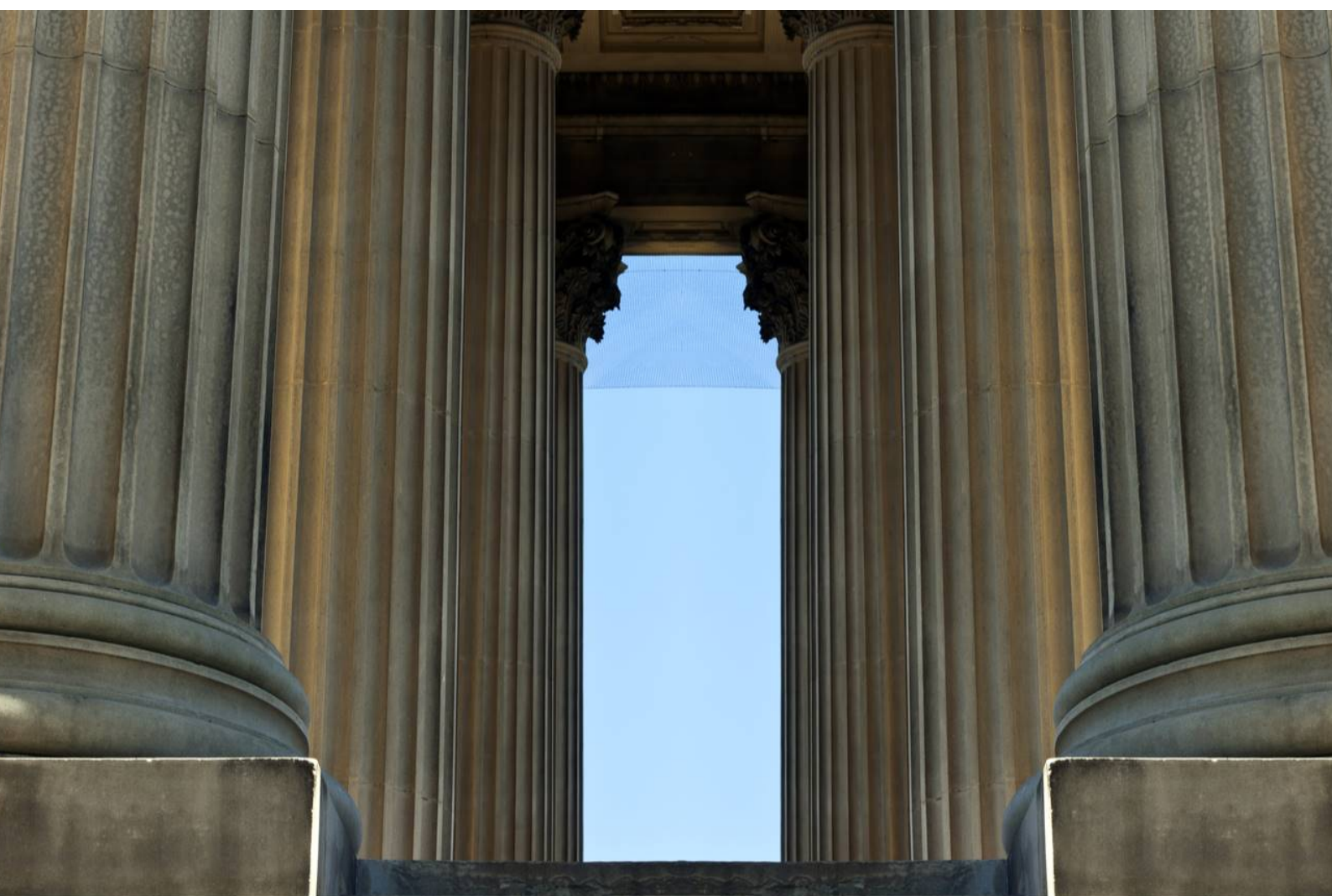


Our Public & Environmental Law capabilities in Paris

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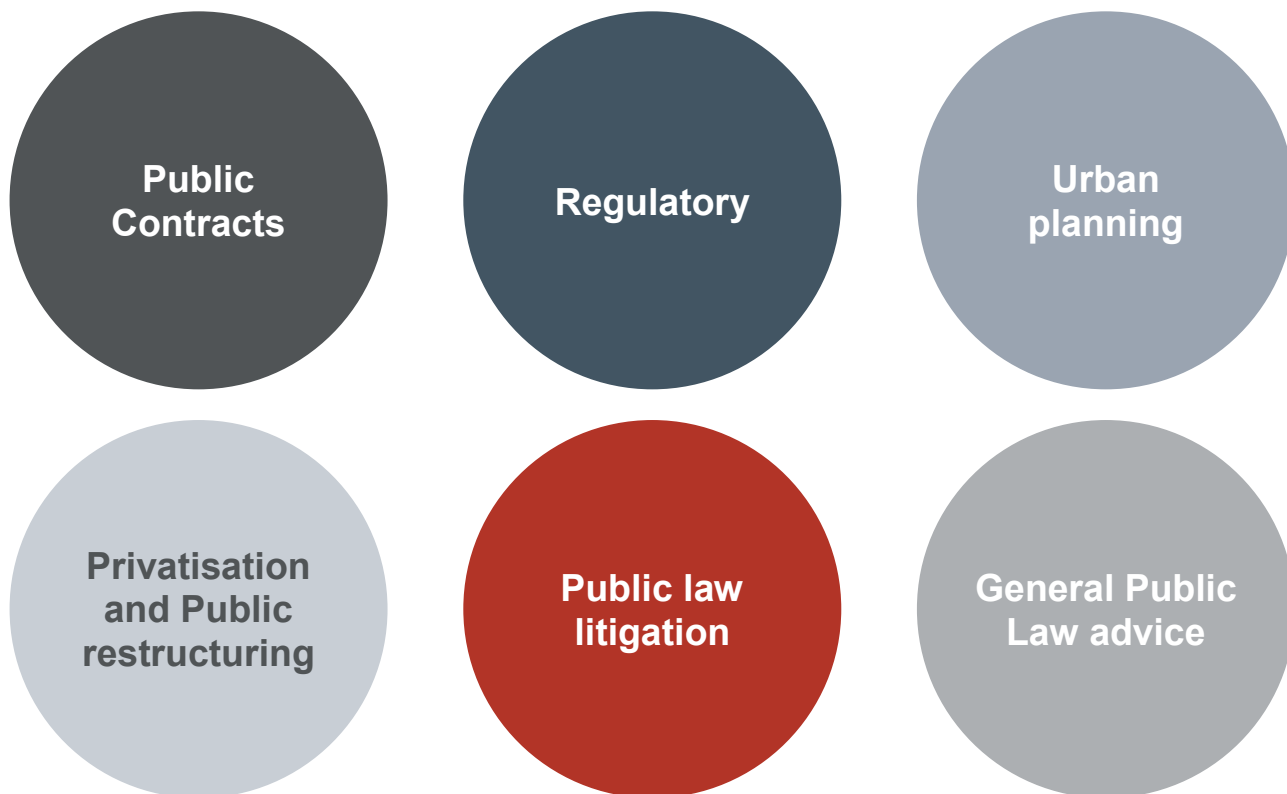
Public and Environmental Law Department

A leading team with in-depth knowledge of public issues

Our Public & Environmental Law practice is led by partner **Romarc Lazerges** and brings together seven lawyers (2 counsels and 5 associates) with a client base that includes public authorities, regulatory bodies, utilities, sponsors, financial institutions and corporates.

Our people advise these diverse players on global, cross-border and local public sector transactions.

The department advises public authorities (state government, public institutions, independent administrative authorities, local government) as well as large companies in the service and industrial sectors, banks and investment funds, public funded entities and utilities on various matters relating to:



The Paris Public & Environmental Law practice's reputation has been solidly established for many years. The team continues consolidating this reputation thanks to its presence on high profile matters in the public sector, the versatility of all lawyers of the team, which are viewed as being able to advise on all kind of public law issues, and our preoccupation to deliver constantly operational advices and well drafted memos and writs.

Advising on the full range of environmental and planning law in France

Offering a full range of advice on environmental matters in the context of M&A, financing and real estate transactions, both at the due diligence stage and in drafting complex contractual provisions for apportioning liability.

The team also specialises in providing advice to corporate clients, banks, governments and public authorities, public funded entities and utilities on all aspects of French and EU environmental law (e.g. environmental permits, contaminated land, waste, wastewater, asbestos, WEEE & RoHS, environmental taxes) and assists clients in their relations with the competent administrative authorities. It also represents its clients in environmental litigations.

Transfer of environmental liabilities	Environmental and planning permits for industrial facilities	Renewable Energies (planning, permitting and environmental aspects)
Greenhouse gas emissions, carbon capture and storage	Land contamination	Producer Responsibility & Pollution
Waste management and shipment	WEEE and RoHS Directives	Chemicals (REACH)
Space	Nuclear: permitting, regulatory assessment, shipment of nuclear products...	

In these and other areas, the team can draw on both in depth local expertise and the experience of their cross-jurisdictional work.

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“Not only were their legal technical abilities best in class but they were very relevant in the definition of the overall strategy. The quality of delivery was always very good.”

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Our Global Public & Environmental Law

Regulatory measures, government intervention and public sector spending are omnipresent in today's economic climate. A large variety of public law entities intervene to implement these measures.

Understanding how dealing with public law entities may be different from dealing with private entities and the impact of regulation have always been an important aspect of business life. It is even more important with governments cutting costs, privatising and selling assets, turning to or away from public-private partnerships as well as increasing public sector spending in some areas.

Advising on both transactions and litigation, our Public Law team has proven its world class expertise covering all aspects of public economic law including:

- administrative contracts
- freedom of information
- government-owned assets
- human rights
- permits and authorisations
- public and mixed entities/structures
- public law litigation
- public-private partnerships
- regulatory

Our global Public Law practice brings together more than 40 lawyers with a client base that includes public authorities, regulatory bodies, utilities, sponsors, financial institutions, and corporates. Our people advise these diverse players on global, cross-border and local public sector transactions.

We assist a large number of public authorities and regulatory bodies on the implementation of their powers as well as with drafting and interpreting legislation. As a result, we fully understand the complexities and challenges of this area of law. Conversely, we can offer our clients in the public sphere assistance that takes into account the perspective of private sector players.

Our clients value our straightforward and pragmatic advice. We work in an integrated way with our Banking, Corporate and Real Estate departments, and approach issues from a variety of perspectives, taking into account the wider economic and legal context.

We advise major players in all sectors, including:

- infrastructure
- transport
- financial markets
- utilities, including energy and water
- telecommunications
- mail services
- life science
- defence

Environmental and regulatory compliance issues are now part of everyday life for most businesses, be they engaged in evidently hazardous activities or not.

Likewise, developments in the climate change arena are raising new challenges for the business community. Regulatory demands, however, continue to widen in response to increasingly international environmental, human rights and trade concerns and present more and more compliance issues affecting both processes and products, as well as liability issues in business transactions. To steer successfully through this regulatory jungle requires specialist expertise on a global scale.

Allen & Overy's International Environment, Climate and Regulatory Law Group includes more than 60 specialist, commercially focused environmental and regulatory law experts across the world advising on all aspects of environmental, product and trade law and liability. As one of the first law firms to develop a globally integrated environmental law practice, we are able to provide both transactional and stand-alone advice in all the major areas of environmental and health and safety law at national, regional and international levels. We have long-standing expertise in a wide range of regulatory issues affecting our clients' supply chains and the movement of our clients' products around the world. We also regularly advise clients on the management of cross-border due diligence and on contractual negotiations in relation to major international acquisitions, disposals and infrastructure projects.

Our geographic reach, including the transfer of knowledge between different offices and jurisdictions, means that we are able to keep abreast of the latest environmental initiatives and legislative developments occurring around the globe. We closely track environmental policy, climate change and trade policy and regulatory developments and are in regular contact with policy makers and regulators whose work impacts our clients' interests. In addition to expertise in our own offices, by virtue of our network of specialist local firms in other jurisdictions, we can also ensure that you get high quality environmental and regulatory advice wherever in the world you need it.

With a mass of new and changing legislation in this area, the boardroom has never had so much reason to pay attention to human rights and other regulatory issues. SEC and new EU reporting requirements (and their global equivalents) on environmental issues, including obligations to report on environmental proceedings, impacts and standards in annual reports and on non-compliance more generally authorities, are just a couple of examples.

Our environmental and regulatory law experts advise on all types of disclosure requirements and associated problems, such as commercial confidentiality. Whether the issue of disclosure arises in respect of a statutory or permit based obligation, as a result of a request from a regulator, or even under pressure from interested stakeholders, our sector specific knowledge helps clients grappling with the legal and commercial implications, particularly in relation to business sensitive matters.

The ability to obtain information from Government and public bodies which may concern your business or the business of others is both a positive and negative development. We can advise on exactly what "freedom of access to information" might mean for you, and how defences, like commercial confidentiality and national security, come into play.

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