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With more than ten years of experience, Mathilde represents French and international companies in litigation and international arbitration matters.

Mathilde concentrates her practice on international litigation as well as arbitration. She is head of the Litigation Practice for the firm's Paris office.

Her areas of practice include complex commercial disputes as well as real estate, including construction litigation. She also assists major players in the healthcare sector, on regulatory, contractual and litigation matters.

Her practice of international litigation includes conflicts of laws and jurisdictions, the service of documents in France and in the United States, and the taking of evidence in France, in the course of proceedings pending abroad.

Key Matters

- Counsel to a Caribbean State in connection with its international investment treaty regime
- Counsel to a Chinese distributor in a commercial arbitration arising out of a distribution agreement, under the ICC rules

- Regular representation of the leader organization accredited by the French Government to collect funds and sponsor professionals trainings, regarding civil and criminal disputes before French courts
- Representation of a major non profit healthcare organization against the lessor to have a lease agreement rescinded for failure to provide adequate premises
- Representation of a medical laser company in a dispute against a hospital related to the termination of its lease agreement
- Representation of a contractor before court-appointed expert and civil courts, among 30 co-defendants, against the owner of a 10-story luxury hotel that suffered flood damages which delayed the opening of the hotel
- Representation of lessors before civil courts for the enforcement of termination clause in commercial leases; oversees the enforcement of the rulings, including the eviction orders, as well as the seizure of assets to secure the debts
- Representation of an eco-organism for the collection of waste, in an ICC arbitration in connection with the termination of a contract with its general contractor
- Representation of several pharmaceutical laboratories before civil courts and the Paris Court of appeal for the taking of depositions in France, in connection with pretrial discovery pending in the US, pursuant to the 1970 Hague Convention on the taking of evidence in civil and commercial matters

Recent Experience

Weitz Group Ltd.'s Sale of its Shares in FZG Holdings Ltd. to Filorga

Recognitions

Mathilde is recognized in the 2021 and 2023 editions of *Lawdragon 500's* "Leading Global Litigators."

Activities

Trained in alternative dispute resolution, Mathilde is a member of the Association Française des Practiciens du Droit collaboratif (French Association of Collaborative Professionals).

“ Mathilde is directly involved in the cases. Her skills and experience in commercial litigation are very valuable to us. ”

The Legal 500 EMEA

Credentials

EDUCATION

Mathilde received a Maîtrise in Business Law in 2001 and a D.E.A. in Anglo-American Business Law in 2002 from the University of Paris I - Panthéon Sorbonne.

ADMISSIONS

- Paris, France

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