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Biography:

Laurence is a Partner in the Finance Group.

Laurence has over 20 years' experience advising domestic and international clients on asset and project finance, acquisition finance, export credit, leasing, debt restructuring and mezzanine debt (project/green bonds) transactions. She is especially well regarded for her shipping finance, and energy and infrastructure project finance, expertise.

Her clients include banks, investment funds, ECAs, DFIs, project developers, lessors and shipowners.

With regards to shipping finance, Laurence focusses on complex cross-border shipping transactions, helping on the structuring of financings through leasing, ECA or DFI-backed transactions, also involving JVs and in debt or equity investment funds.

In the energy and infrastructure sectors, she specialises in renewable energy, energy infrastructure and innovative projects (energy efficiency, electricity mobility, corporate PPAs), advising on their financing or refinancing, acquisition or sale in the context of leveraged transactions.

Laurence is recognised as an expert finance lawyer by directories Chambers Europe, Legal 500 EMEA and IFRL 1000.

Laurence was named a Knight of the National Order of Merit (Chevalier de l'ordre national du Mérite) for her career as a finance lawyer in the shipping and energy sectors by the French Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy in July 2017.

Further details:

EDUCATION

1. 2001 – Admitted to the Paris Bar
2. 2000 – PhD (Doctorat) in Private Law with honors; University of Paris I – Sorbonne
3. 1993 – Master (DESS) in International Commercial Law; University of Paris I – Sorbonne
4. 1992 – LLM (Maîtrise) in Business and Private Law; University of Paris I – Sorbonne

MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

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1. Paris Bar
 2. Law Society of England & Wales (as a foreign lawyer)
 3. French Maritime Law Association (*AFDM – Association Française de Droit Maritime*)