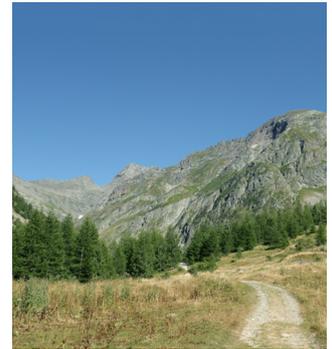


## Environmental Practice – Paris Office



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King & Spalding’s environmental practice ensures that our clients, from both the public and private sector, meet their legal responsibilities whilst achieving their objectives. Our team consists of attorneys from real estate, corporate & commercial, banking & finance, construction and dispute resolution & litigation teams – which means we can provide comprehensive legal advice on all environmental and planning aspects of your project.

Our team has built a solid reputation as a leader in this field and offers world-wide environmental legal advice through its offices in the United States, Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

Our team in France provides a number of services ranging from counseling, to litigation in relation to civil, administrative and criminal law matters as well as regulatory services to a wide range of industries, including chemicals, automotive, health care, pharmaceutical, real estate, electronics, clean and renewable energy, water, cleanliness, telecommunications, food processing, waste management, construction, metallurgy, and oil & gas.

The environmental practice in France has also been involved in monitoring large scale infrastructure projects, such as Port 2000, the extension of the “Grand Canal du Havre” and recently, the implementation of offshore wind projects.

Our clients include European and US investors in France, government departments and agencies, local authorities, banks, investment funds, landowners, utility operators, property companies, landfill operators, professional bodies and companies from many different sectors, including manufacturing, waste, chemicals, construction, mining, quarrying, oil and energy.

King & Spalding’s  
Environmental  
practice received  
the *Law360*  
“Environmental  
Group of the Year  
Award” in 2012.



“A proactive team with high level of expertise in technical environmental matters”

“Brilliant, talented lawyer who is able to understand issues very quickly and knows the legislation perfectly”

— *Chambers Europe 2015*

2016 “Lawyer of the Year” in the Environmental Law category for France

— *Best Lawyers*

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We advise our clients on all the environmental aspects of their transactions including:

#### **Supporting operators of industrial facilities in the management of impacts and risks:**

- Supporting the design (audit of authorization applications, obtaining authorizations) and implementation (compliance audits, implementation of orders) of industrial projects;
- Analysing and controlling the impacts on health and the environment (water, air, biodiversity) as well as industrial risks (PPRT);
- Anticipating and managing risks related to exposures of persons or damages to biodiversity (including crisis management);
- Managing relationship with the environmental agencies, local authorities, residents and associations.

#### **Assisting in the conversion and acquisition of former industrial sites:**

- Assisting with the integration of the different steps of conversion strategies (from the decision of cessation of activity to the change of use and transfer of ownership);
- Optimising the technical and financial aspects of remediation and conversion of sites in close collaboration with a selection of consulting firms;
- Negotiating and drafting of environmental safeguards in the context of mergers / acquisitions, divestitures, transfer of business assets or lease.

#### **Guidance in the implementation of environmental EU and French regulations:**

- Assisting with the implementation of EU and French regulations related to substances and products (including REACH, CLP, RoHS, biocides, nanomaterials), environments (water, biodiversity, Grenelle laws, carbon credits, i.e. Emissions Trading System ...) or sectors (quarry, mining, energy);
- Assisting with the development of waste recovery strategies;
- Identifying and anticipating of future liability risks.

#### **Intervention in the context of large infrastructure projects:**

- Critical analysis of authorization applications;
- Advice on public law, planning and public ownership;
- Supporting strategic implementation of projects.

#### **Representation in civil, administrative and criminal litigation:**

- Monitoring of litigation before administrative courts under the legislation on classified facilities, water, waste, mining and quarrying as well as under EU regulations (REACH, Emissions Trading System ...);
- Managing of litigation initiated by residents related to neighborhood nuisances or by sellers / buyers of contaminated sites or in the context of environmental safeguards;
- Representation before criminal courts in the context of non-compliance, water pollution, damage to the environment or offenses related to waste transfer.

We have a strong record in unraveling the complex regulatory overlay, providing cost-effective solutions and partnering with our clients to implement successful strategies to achieve their goals. Being a truly integrated international team, we are able to provide genuine local knowledge and understanding of a variety of systems of law and procedures. Further, our creative project management skills ensure we are able to provide seamless cross-border advice.