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Education

LL.M., University of Paris XI - Sceaux, 2003

LL.M., University of Paris V - Rene Descartes, 2001

Maîtrise, University of Paris II - Pantheon Assas, 2000

License, University of Paris II - Pantheon Assas, 1999

Bar Admissions

Paris

Languages

French

English

Valentin Autret has more than 20 years of experience advising French and international companies and their management on complex litigation matters, and dealing with high-stakes financial and industrial issues. Mr. Autret regularly represents clients in all aspects of their disputes, particularly with regard to M&A-related disputes, commercial and corporate litigations, stock market and securities disputes, bankruptcy litigation, corporate restructurings, directors' liability, state aids and white collar crime.

He has been heavily involved in numerous "bet-the-company" litigations in which the disputes have had high levels of commercial and financial risk and prominent media exposure.

Mr. Autret also represents his clients before French and EU courts as well as in arbitration.

He works closely with the firm's M&A team to support strategic operations or to resolve sensitive conflict situations, as well as with the cross-border investigations practice on criminal law, compliance, anti-corruption, international sanctions and regulation of financial institutions matters.

Mr. Autret has been repeatedly recognized in *The Best Lawyers in France* and named a Next Generation Partner by *The Legal 500 EMEA*, in addition to being selected as one of *Thomson Reuters*' Stand-out Lawyers.

Mr. Autret's experience includes advising and representing:

- telecom companies in cross-border M&A-related disputes
- financial institutions in cross-border investigations and settlements with different national enforcement authorities
- a multinational courier delivery services company in M&A-related and state aid disputes
- a state-owned defeasance structure in a long-running litigation that covered a wide spectrum of disputes (commercial courts, arbitration, criminal proceedings, petition for review against an arbitral award, bankruptcy litigation and international recovering proceedings, etc.)
- a leading worldwide energy company in a dispute with its joint venture partner that was eventually settled through an industrial M&A deal and a public M&A transaction
- a leading press distributor in its reorganization (corporate, financial and social restructuring) and related investigations and disputes (regulatory issues, commercial disputes and state aid investigations, etc.)
- directors and officers in civil and criminal matters related to accounting, financial communication, bankruptcy law and other aspects
- a bank in disputes with clients and authorities following a leak of sensitive data
- a multinational pharmaceutical company in an M&A-related dispute
- companies, shareholders and investment banks in proxy and hostile takeover battles, as well as in stock markets and securities disputes

Selected Publications

"Conseil d'administration vers quelle responsabilité ?" *NextStep* (page 15), May 12, 2026

"International Arbitration Update: Global Developments and Trends To Watch," *Skadden Publication*, April 2025