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Education

Master 2 in Business Law, University of Paris II - Panthéon-Assas, 2006

Master 1 in Business Law, University of Paris XII - Val de Marne, 2005

Licence in Law, University of Paris XII - Val de Marne, 2004

Bar Admissions

Paris

Languages

French

English

Julien Zika's practice primarily focuses on public takeovers, cross-border mergers and acquisitions, capital markets transactions and corporate finance matters.

In recognition of his work in mergers and acquisitions, Mr. Zika was honored by *The Legal 500 EMEA* in 2025 and named one of *Best Lawyers'* 2026 Ones To Watch.

Mr. Zika's recent experience includes advising:

- **Capgemini** in its US\$3.3 billion acquisition of WNS (Holdings) Limited
- **Renault**, a French multinational automobile manufacturer, in connection with:
 - its agreements with Nissan regarding the rebalanced cross-shareholding between the two companies (including the transfer by Renault of 28.4% of Nissan shares into a French trust), the reinforcement of the Renault–Nissan–Mitsubishi Alliance's governance and the investment agreement of Nissan, as strategic investor, in Ampere
 - its proposed (but withdrawn) €32.6 billion 50/50 merger transaction with Fiat Chrysler Automobiles
 - additional matters relating to the Renault–Nissan–Mitsubishi Alliance
- **Air France-KLM** in connection with corporate and governance matters relating to the €4 billion recapitalization measures approved by the European Commission in April 2021
- **LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton S.E.** in connection with its US\$16.2 billion acquisition of Tiffany & Co.
- **Dassault Systèmes** in its US\$5.8 billion acquisition of Medidata Solutions, Inc.
- **SCOR SE**, which is the fifth-largest reinsurance group worldwide and is listed on both Euronext Paris and the SIX Swiss Exchange:
 - in the acquisition of 5.01% of its own shares from Covéa for €252 million upon the partial exercise of the call option granted by Covéa in 2021, and the subsequent sale of these shares to BNP Paribas Cardif
 - in its successful defense against an €8.3 billion unsolicited takeover proposal from Covéa, a French mutual insurance group and the largest shareholder of SCOR SE
 - in connection with its defense against claims made by the activist fund CIAM
- **Stryker Corporation**, one of the world's leading medical technology companies, in connection with its €183 million acquisition of Vexim, a listed company specialized in the development and sale of vertebral compression fracture solutions, through the acquisition of a controlling stake from its main shareholders (Truffle Capital, Bpifrance Participations and Kreaxi) and certain managers, followed by a cash tender offer, and a subsequent public buyout offer followed by a squeeze-out
- **Westfield Corporation**, an international retail property group, in connection with its combination with — through a US\$24.7 billion acquisition — Unibail-Rodamco SE, Europe's largest listed commercial property company, through Australian law schemes of arrangement and a stapling of the shares of Unibail-Rodamco with the shares of a Dutch subsidiary. Such a stapled security structure, including the shares of an already-listed French company, was a first under French law

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- **Nokia** in its:

- agreement with the French State regarding the sale of 80% of Alcatel Submarine Networks for an enterprise value of €350 million
- combination with Alcatel-Lucent, the leading IP networking, ultra-broadband access and cloud applications specialist, through a €15.6 billion public exchange offer in France and the U.S., and a subsequent public buyout offer followed by a squeeze-out of the remaining securities. This was the first public exchange offer in France and in the U.S. in a decade, and the largest Finnish M&A transaction ever

- **Cheetah Mobile Inc.**, an internet and mobile security software company, in its US\$58 million acquisition of MobPartner SA, a mobile advertising network

- **Match.com, L.L.C.**, an online dating service company, in its US\$39 million acquisition of a 6.7% stake in Meetic S.A., and its US\$72 million cash tender offer for all of the remaining outstanding shares of Meetic

Publications

“Public Mergers and Acquisitions in France,” *Thomson Reuters Practical Law*, November 1, 2025

“Public Mergers and Acquisitions in France,” *Thomson Reuters Practical Law*, November 6, 2024