

Statutes

Article 1. Name

An association governed by the law of July 1, 1901 and the decree of August 16, 1901 is hereby founded between the members of the present statutes:

"Paris, Place de Droit".

The English name will be "Paris, city of law".

Article 2. Purpose & tasks

The purpose of the association is to promote Paris as a legal marketplace and in particular:

- to organise conferences, congresses and other gatherings;
- to diffuse or contribute to the diffusion of information on the Paris legal marketplace to its members and the public, in particular through a website;
- to publish all newsletters, reviews or documents and to undertake all communication or marketing actions with the aim of promoting the Paris legal marketplace.

Article 3. Registered office

The registered office of the association is located at the Maison du Barreau, 2-4, rue de Harlay, 75001 Paris. It may be transferred by simple decision of the Board of Directors.

Article 4. Duration

The association is established for an unlimited period.

Article 5. Members

The association is composed of :

- the founding members, signatories of the present statutes:
 - the Paris Bar Association;
 - the President of the Commercial Court of Paris;
 - the Cercle Montesquieu;
 - Association Française des Juristes d'Entreprise;
 - Paris, Place d'Arbitrage;
 - The French National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce ;
 - The CCI Paris Ile-de-France;
 - The University of Paris 1 ;
- the adherent members ;
- Supporting members ;
- honorary members.

Any natural or legal person, under private or public law, interested in the development of the Paris legal marketplace may become a member, in accordance with the terms of Article 7 of these Articles of Association.

Honorary members are personalities whose professional career and/or work has/have contributed to the reputation of the Paris legal community. Honorary membership is granted by the Board of Directors on the proposal of the Bureau.

Legal entities which are members of the association shall be represented within the association by a person appointed from within the association in accordance with their own rules and whose name shall be communicated to the Secretary General. Failing this, they shall be represented by their legal representative in office.

Article 6. Partners

Paris Place de Droit may welcome external third parties who are not

members but partners. The conditions for admission are defined in the internal regulations.

Article 7. Admission

Any person wishing to become a member of the Association and fulfilling the conditions defined by the internal regulations shall submit his or her application in writing to the Secretary General.

The Management Board shall decide on this request at its next meeting.

If the Board rejects a candidate, the candidate may submit his or her application directly to the General Assembly, which shall take the final decision on the application.

Article 8. Contributions

Associate members are those who have paid an annual fee, the amount of which is fixed by the Board of Directors on the proposal of the Bureau. The Administrative Council is competent to decide, on the proposal of the Bureau, on the amount of the membership fees and to provide for rates adapted to the categories of members.

Benefactor members are those who, in addition to the annual membership fee, pay an entrance fee, the amount of which is fixed by decision of the General Assembly on the proposal of the Board of Directors.

Founding members may pay a benefactor's fee if they wish.

Article 9. Removal from the Register

Membership is lost by :

- resignation by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt to the Secretary General;
- the death or dissolution of the member;
- expulsion by the Board of Directors for non-payment of the membership fee or for serious reasons, the person concerned having been invited to provide explanations before the Bureau and in writing.

The serious grounds for expulsion are specified in the internal regulations. The membership fees for the current financial year shall remain due, notwithstanding the resignation or exclusion of the member.

Article 10. Resources

The resources of the association include :

- the amount of entrance fees and membership fees paid by the members of the association;
- subsidies from the State, departments and municipalities;
- manual donations made by individuals or legal entities;
- all other resources authorised by the laws and regulations in force.

Article 11. Bodies of the Association

The statutory bodies of the association are :

- General Assembly;
- the Board of Directors ;
- the Bureau.

Article 12. Ordinary General Assembly

The General Assembly includes all members of the association and meets at least once a year. The General Assembly may be held remotely by any digital means.

At least fifteen days before the date fixed, the members of the association shall be convened by the Secretary General by any means. The agenda and the date and place of the meeting, determined by the Board of Directors, shall appear on the notices of meeting.

The President, assisted by the members of the Bureau, chairs the Assembly and presents the moral situation or the activity of the association.

The Treasurer shall report on his management and submit the annual accounts (balance sheet, profit and loss account and annex) to the Assembly for approval. Only the items on the agenda may be discussed. Decisions are taken by a majority of the votes of the members present or represented.

Any member may give a proxy to another member to represent him/her at the General Assembly. A member may only hold one proxy.

The decisions of the General Meetings shall be binding on all members, including those absent or represented.

Article 13. Extraordinary General Assembly

If necessary, or at the request of one third of the registered members addressed to the Secretary General, the President may convene an Extraordinary General Assembly within a minimum of fifteen days of the invitation.

The General Assembly may be held remotely by any digital means. The Extraordinary General Assembly shall only have the power to amend the statutes or to dissolve the association.

If the Ordinary General Assembly decides on the dissolution of the Association or the amendment of the Statutes, it shall act in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

Decisions are taken by a two-thirds majority of the members present.

Article 14. Board of Directors

The Board shall consist of a maximum of fifteen members:

- one representative per founding member of the association;
- seven members elected by the General Assembly.

The elected members of the Management Board serve for a term of three years, renewable once.

In the event of vacancies, the Board shall provisionally replace its members. Their definitive replacement shall be decided by the next General Assembly. The term of office of the replacement members shall be the remaining term of office of the replaced members.

The Board of Directors shall meet at least once every six months, upon convocation by the President, or at the request of one quarter of its members.

The Board of Directors may meet remotely by any digital means. Decisions are taken by a majority of the votes cast; in the event of a tie, the President has the casting vote.

Any member of the Board who, without excuse, fails to attend three consecutive meetings shall be deemed to have resigned.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to invite any person to attend its meetings in an advisory capacity.

The Board of Directors may decide to appoint an Honorary President.

The Board of Directors is free to organise the work and activities of the association.

Article 15. Bureau

The Board of Directors shall elect from among its members a Bureau composed of a maximum of :

- a President ;
- two vice-chairmen ;
- a Secretary General ;
- a Treasurer ;

The individual functions of the Bureau are not cumulative.

The President of the association chairs the Bureau and the Board of Directors.

Article 16. Financial year

The financial year of Paris Place de Droit is one year and begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December of each calendar year.

Article 17. Compensation

The members and organs of the association may not receive any remuneration for the functions entrusted to them.

Costs incurred by members in travelling to meetings are not covered by the association.

All functions, including those of the members of the Board of Directors and the Bureau, are free of charge and voluntary. Only expenses incurred in the performance of their duties are reimbursed on the basis of receipts. The financial report presented to the Ordinary General Assembly shows, by beneficiary, the reimbursements of mission, travel or representation expenses.

These provisions shall be specified in the rules of procedure as necessary.

Article 18. Rules of Procedure

Rules of procedure specifying the present statutes may be drawn up by the Board of Directors, which shall have them approved by the General Assembly.

These regulations, if any, are intended to set out the various points not provided for in the present statutes, in particular those relating to the internal administration of the association.

Article 19. Power of representation

The association is represented in civil acts by :

- the President ;
- a member of the Bureau or of the Board of Directors by delegation of the President.

The President may delegate his power of representation by special mandate to a member

of the Bureau or the Board of Directors under conditions determined by the Rules of Procedure.

Article 20. Dissolution

In the event of dissolution in accordance with Article 13, one or more liquidators shall be appointed and the assets, if any, shall be distributed in accordance with the decisions of the Extraordinary General Assembly deciding on the dissolution.