

Joining forces to enhance the attractiveness of the Paris legal market

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Who are we?

Paris Place de Droit is a non-profit association governed by the French Law of 1901, bringing together the leading French legal institutions and professions around a shared ambition: to assert Paris as a major international legal hub, serving legal certainty, innovation, the economy and France's international influence.

A community of excellence, committed and open to the world

The strength of Paris Place de Droit lies in the diversity and high standards of its members: judges, lawyers, in-house counsel, academics, notaries, legal officers, intellectual property attorneys and institutional stakeholders.

Each contributes their culture, methods and expertise, while all share:

- a strong civil law tradition
- a commitment to stable and independent institutions
- a culture of openness, innovation and cooperation
- the ambition to elevate Paris to the rank of the world's leading legal capitals.

Our mission: making Paris a global legal reference

Paris Place de Droit works to strengthen the visibility and attractiveness of the French legal market through four key pillars:

- Promoting the French legal offering: excellence of professionals, quality of courts, institutional stability and capacity for innovation
- Asserting Paris as an international business law hub capable of attracting major cases, talent and investors
- Encouraging dialogue between legal professions and the business world to support contemporary transformations in digital matters, compliance, governance and alternative dispute resolution
- Giving a collective voice in European and international debates

Why Paris? An exceptional legal hub

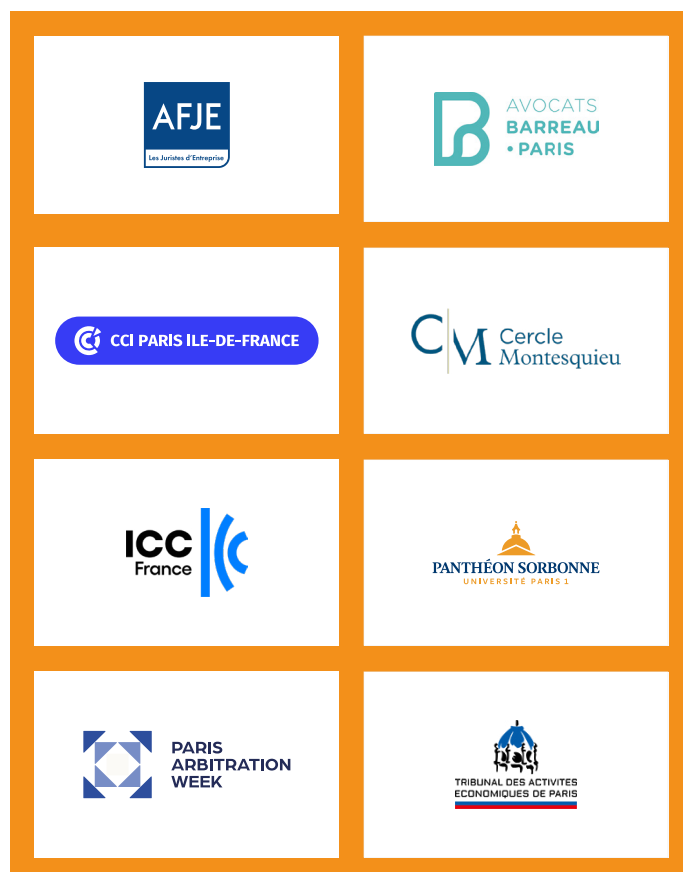
Paris benefits from widely recognised strengths:

- a long-standing legal tradition
- independent, high-quality judicial institutions
- courts and arbitration centres suited to international challenges
- a unique concentration of world-class legal talent
- a major economic and cultural capital within a centralised country

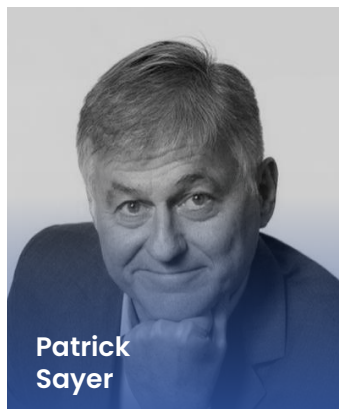
Our vision: law as a driver of trust, value and influence

Because it secures, structures and anticipates, law is now a lever for attractiveness, competitiveness and sovereignty.

Paris Place de Droit promotes a demanding vision: law is not merely a set of rules, but a strategic instrument that generates trust, fosters innovation and enhances France's international influence.



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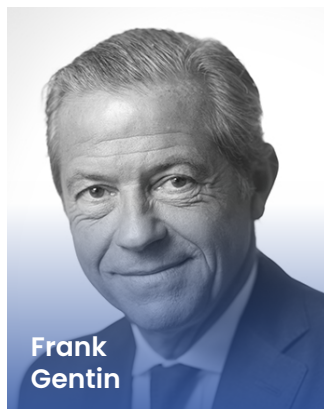
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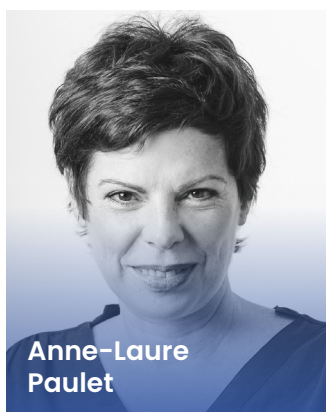
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The Board of Directors of Paris Place de Droit

The Board meets every two months to define the association's strategic direction, take structural decisions and approve membership applications.



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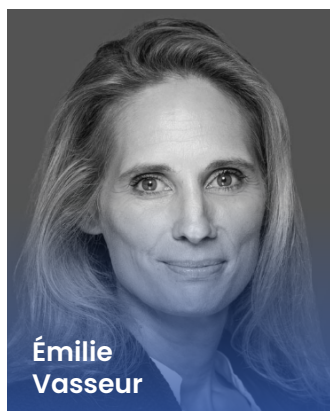
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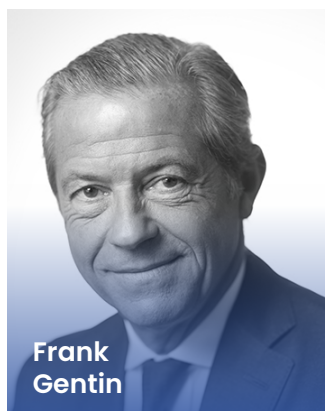
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Represented by Bruno Dondero, Professor at the Law School

Our 10 Committees

Ten committees addressing key challenges for the development of the Paris legal market

01.

Justice & Attractiveness Committee

Paris holds a leading position thanks to a unique legal and economic ecosystem. This committee promotes Paris as a global legal and judicial hub.

Led by Paul Louis Netter, Honorary President of the Paris Commercial and Economic Activities Court.

02.

Economic Justice Committee

Brings together business law practitioners to reflect in particular on the concept of economic harm.

Led by Muriel Chagny, Professor of Law, University of Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines.

03.

Commercial Justice Committee

Gathers judges, lawyers and in-house counsel alongside academics to design more efficient commercial procedures aligned with users' expectations.

Led by Elodie Valette, Lawyer.

04.

Climate Justice Committee

Addresses climate urgency by bringing together legal practitioners to develop legal proposals.

Led by Émilie Vasseur, Partner at Mayer Brown, and Léa Marion, Lawyer.

05.

Digital Justice Committee

Develops forward-looking recommendations on the use of digital tools to improve commercial dispute resolution.

Co-led by Denis Musson and Bruno Deffains.

06.



Companies in
Difficulty Committee

Brings together restructuring specialists to improve French law and its alignment with European law.

Led by Patrick Coupeaud, Judge at the Paris Commercial and Economic Activities Court.

07.



Compliance
Committee

Promotes the recognition of French legal expertise in duty of vigilance, anti-corruption and data protection.

Led by Christian Dargham, Partner at Norton Rose Fulbright.

08.



Independent
Administrative
Authorities Committee

Focuses on competition law and regulation across financial, digital, audiovisual, energy and transport sectors.

Co-led by Pierre Mudet and Olivier Fréget.

09.



Alternative Dispute
Resolution Committee

Encourages mediation, settlement and conciliation to resolve domestic and international disputes in Paris.

Led by Matthias Fekl.

10.



Justice & Geopolitics
Committee

(currently in development)

Led by Stéphanie Smatt Pinelli and Thomas Clay.

The Millennium Committee

The Millennium Committee brings together legal practitioners with less than five years' experience. Its role is twofold:

- supporting the work of the 10 Committees, with a Millennium member acting as Secretary for each Committee
- contributing to major Paris Place de Droit initiatives, including the Paris Place de Droit Competition

Composed of lawyers, in-house counsel and experts, the Millennium Committee works to:

- promote Paris as an international legal hub
- build bridges between generations of practitioners
- organise events for trainee lawyers and young professionals
- support the Paris Dispute Resolution Day



Myriam Obadia

For 2026, the Millennium Committee is chaired by Myriam Obadia, Associate at UGGC.

Our Events

Throughout the year, four key moments that bring people together and enhance Paris's attractiveness.

Paris Place de Droit Competition

When: Q1 each year, final in June

Where: Various venues

An annual competition rewarding a European trainee lawyer. After pleading in French and English before an international chamber-style jury, the winner receives membership in Paris Place de Droit, access to the Paris Dispute Resolution Day, and a prize.

Summer Camp

When: Every two years

Where: Paris (early July)

Brings together 20 future global legal leaders for discussions on transnational legal challenges.

Night of Law

When: Every year on 4 October

Where: Paris Commercial and Economic Activities Court

A flagship event combining conferences and networking to promote access to law.

Paris Dispute Resolution Day

When: Every year on 2 December

Where: Hôtel Salomon de Rothschild

A major international event dedicated to judicial and alternative dispute resolution.

Our Memberships

Joining Paris Place de Droit means accessing a forum for exchange and networking among legal professionals sharing common values.

Institutional and corporate memberships allow the designation of three active members in Committees and one young professional in the Millennium Committee.

Institution	850 €
Legal entity	850 €
Individual (over 5 years' practice)	250 €
Student membership (under 5 years' practice / judges)*	Free

** Preferential rate conditions apply.*

Membership includes:

- Participation in a Committee
- Early access to events
- Annual general meeting (June)
- Visibility on LinkedIn
- Use of the Paris Place de Droit logo

Paris Place de Droit in numbers

8

founding members

10

Committees

(including the Millennium Committee)

10

years

Founded in 2015 – 10th anniversary celebrated in 2025

04

major events per year

10

Workshops held each year with President Sayer.

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