

Christine Sévère

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Overview

Christine Sévère is a partner in Dentons' Paris office. She specialises in litigation. Her complete background and training (civil and business law, European and international, and public law) make it possible for her to undertake complex issues.

Experience

- Commercial law and civil liability law (contract and tort law, with a long standing practice in distribution law (breach of contract, abuse of economic dependence, etc. – see her article "La rupture de la relation commerciale établie" (rupture of established commercial relations), published in the supplement to n° 5 of the Lamy civil law review, May 2004). She primarily works in the luxury goods, food processing, and other diverse industries, as well as banking.
- Employment law: she handles classic cases (individual and collective redundancy), and also less common procedures before La Halde, now known as Le Défenseur des Droits (Defender of Rights), for harassment and discrimination cases. She manages cases requiring dual expertise in commercial and public law (complex unfair competition cases, etc.).
- Construction and commercial leases: after practicing in construction litigation for nearly ten years, her work in this area is now centered on commercial leases, which has provided her with experience in financial analysis (particularly in the assessment of eviction compensation).

Christine's litigation practice has naturally led her to practice pre-litigation and provide counsel in drafting contractual documents, which is an integral part of her activity.

Insights

- "It's not so simple to terminate an agreement without misconduct ", *L'Usine Nouvelle*, November 2018
- "Article 145 of the French Civil Procedure Code constitutes an effective weapon", *L'Usine Nouvelle*, November 2018

- "Fixer unilatéralement le prix, c'est possible" (in French), *L'Usine Nouvelle*, September 2016
- "La loi Travail pourrait porter un mauvais coup à la franchise" (in French), *Journal du Textile*, June 2016
- "Pensez à réviser vos clauses résolutoires" (in French), *L'Usine Nouvelle*, April 2016

Activities and Affiliations

Prior and Present Employment

- Partner - Dentons (formerly Salans), Paris (1998 - to date)
- Joined Salans in 1991

Areas of focus

Practices

- Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
- Commercial Development
- Commercial Litigation
- Customs Law
- Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures
- Discrimination, Retaliation and Unlawful Harassment Litigation
- Employment and Labor
- Employment and Labor Advice and Counseling
- Employment Disputes
- Equal Employment, Diversity and Discrimination
- Franchising and Distribution
- International Trade
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Litigation
- Product Liability and Complex Torts
- Real Estate
- Regional Trade Agreements, Advice and Litigation
- Sales Practices
- Securities and Shareholder Litigation
- Trade Disputes and Negotiations
- Trade, WTO and Customs

- Wrongful Termination and Unfair Dismissal
- Consumer Products Representation and Services

Industry sectors

- Automotive
- Commercial Banks
- Consumer Products
- Financial Institutions
- Hotels and Leisure
- Industrial Equipment and Components
- Investment Banks and Broker Dealers
- Life Sciences
- Life Sciences and Health Care
- Litigation, Arbitration, Mediation and other Dispute Resolution
- Luxury, Fashion and Beauty
- Manufacturers and Distributors
- Manufacturing
- Pharmaceutical Companies

Education

- Institut d'Etudes Judiciaires de Paris, 1986, CAPA
- University of Paris II - Panthéon Assas, 1984, Maîtrise, Carrières Judiciaires de Droit Privé
- University of Paris I - Panthéon Sorbonne, 1983, DESS, Transport et Distribution, Droit International Maritime et Aérien - Dissertation on shipbuilder's responsibility
- University of Paris II - Panthéon Assas, 1982, Maîtrise
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Admissions and qualifications

- Admitted to the Bar, Paris, 1987

Languages

- English
- French