

François M. Chateau

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Overview

François Chateau is a partner in Dentons' New York office. He was previously global vice chairman of Dentons and chairman of the global board of Salans, which he helped lead through the combination that created Dentons.

François is engaged in the representation of French and other European companies in the US, as well as multinational companies globally. He primarily represents companies and individuals in the luxury, fashion and beauty industries and leads this Global Practice. He is also head of Dentons' French desk, a special cross-border practice group composed of bilingual, French-speaking lawyers in many Dentons' offices around the world.

As a successful entrepreneur, François has extensive experience in contract negotiations, intellectual property issues, international tax planning, joint ventures, licensing and distributions agreements, venture capital and venture development.

In addition to such transnational work, François acts as an adviser to wealthy multinational families and individuals in their business affairs and as trustee for family trusts.

François is a dual French and US citizen. He is very active in the French-American community in the US and is a Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite (France)

Activities and Affiliations

Memberships

- Trustee and Member of the Executive Committee of the Brain Trauma Foundation (New York)
- Trustee of the Naked Heart Foundation (New York, London, Paris, Moscow)
- Board member, Interaudi Bank (New York)

Prior and Present Employment

- Former Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Lycée Français de New York

- Former Founder and C.E.O. of Chateaud'eau S.A.

Areas of focus

Practices

- Corporate
- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Trusts, Estates and Wealth Preservation
- Venture Capital

Industry sectors

- Luxury, Fashion and Beauty
- Private Equity
- Family Office and High Net Worth

Education

- New York University, School of Law, 1982, LL.M.
- University of Paris II - Panthéon Assas, 1980, Maîtrise de droit des affaires

Admissions and qualifications

- Qualified, New York
- Qualified, Paris

Languages

- English
- French