

PRESS RELEASE

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DE PARDIEU IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE FOUR NEW PROMOTIONS

De Pardieu, leading French business law firm, is pleased to announce the internal promotion to Senior Counsel of:

- Sandra Benhaïm, in Corporate/ Private Equity / M&A;

And the promotions to Counsel of:

- Frank Bauermann, in Debt Finance;
- Guillaume Petit, in Restructuring/Distressed Companies;
- Alison Vogt, in Dispute Resolution.

The Firm is thus strengthening its position in key practice areas of business law, continuing to offer a wide range of skills to meet the growing and diversified needs of its clients, who are evolving in an increasingly complex regulatory environment.

With these new appointments, De Pardieu now has over 160 lawyers, including 39 Partners, 1 Senior Counsel and 20 Counsels. The Firm further consolidates its position as a leading French business law firm, serving clients both in France and abroad.

“We would like to congratulate Sandra, Frank, Guillaume and Alison. Each has earned a reputation for providing high-quality legal advice, a commitment to client service, deep experience in their areas of practice, and strong dedication to collaboration and teamwork. They add tremendous expertise to our Firm and strength to our market-leading practices, contributing to the development of all our activities. Through these internal promotions, we reaffirm our commitment to nurturing and strengthening the talents within our firm”, said **Emmanuel Fatôme, Managing Partner.**

BIOGRAPHIES:



Sandra Benhaïm advises French and international investment funds on their LBO, capital development and disposal transactions and has a recognized expertise in mergers & acquisitions with a particular focus on Private Equity.

She joined the Corporate – M&A team of De Pardieu in 2006 and was appointed as Counsel in 2015.

Admitted to the Paris bar in 2000, Sandra obtained a *doctorat* (PhD) in business law on bond loans and insolvency from the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne in 1999. Sandra further holds a DEA in Business Law and Economic Law (1996) and a *Maîtrise* in Business Law (1995), from the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. She started her career as an associate in a French law firm from 2000 to 2005.



Frank Bauermann advises French and foreign financial institutions on export financings and financial institutions and sponsors on project finance (including in the renewable energies sector) and cross-border transactions.

Frank Bauermann is also highly experienced in securitization and debt restructuring transactions.

He joined the Debt Finance team of De Pardieu as an Associate in 2010. Admitted to the Paris Bar in 2010, Frank obtained a *Maîtrise* in French and German laws (LL.M.) in 2006 from the University Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne and the University of Cologne. In 2007, he obtained a Master 2 in International Economic Law and in 2008 he obtained a Master 2 in Banking and Financial law from the University Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne.



Guillaume Petit advises credit institutions, companies and their managers as well as court-appointed agents in France and abroad. His practice focuses on distressed companies with a particular emphasis on debt restructuring, out-of-court and court-monitored insolvency proceedings and distressed M&A. He is also experienced in insolvency litigation (responsibility for asset shortfall, extension of proceedings, etc.) or commercial litigation.

He routinely lectures on the Masters 2 program in Business Law and Dispute Resolution of the University Sorbonne Paris Nord.

He joined the Insolvency – Restructuring team of De Pardieu in 2021.

Guillaume was admitted to the Paris Bar in 2014. He obtained a L.L.M. in International Corporate & Financial Law from the University of Wolverhampton, in the United-Kingdom in 2013, and a Master 2 in Business and Law from the University Paris 8 Vincennes – Saint-Denis in 2011. He has practiced as an associate in French and international law firms from 2014 to 2020.



Alison Vogt advises a wide range of French and foreign companies (industrial groups, investment funds, real estate companies, etc.) operating in a variety of sectors. Her practice primarily focuses on civil and commercial litigation and distressed companies litigation in the context of out-of-court procedures (*ad hoc* mandates, conciliations) and insolvency proceedings (safeguard, rehabilitation and judicial liquidation) mainly on behalf of creditors, notably financial creditors.

She joined the Business Litigation team of De Pardieu as an associate in 2018.

Admitted to the Paris Bar in 2014, Alison holds a Master 2 in General Private Law from the University Paris I – Panthéon-Sorbonne (2013) as well as a university degree in European Law (2011). She has been an associate within the law firm of a former Chairman of the Paris Bar (*Bâtonnier*) from 2014 to 2018.

A propos de De Pardieu :

Fondé en 1993, De Pardieu Brocas Maffei figure parmi les cabinets français indépendants de référence en droit des affaires et compte aujourd'hui plus de 160 avocats dont 39 associés, intervenant plus particulièrement dans les domaines suivants : Fusions-Acquisitions & *Private Equity*, Banque - Finance & Marchés de capitaux, Opérations immobilières & Financements immobiliers, Restructurations & Entreprises en difficulté, Droit fiscal, Droit de la concurrence, Propriété intellectuelle, Droit public, Droit social et Contentieux des affaires.

Cabinet français à caractère international, tant par la formation de ses équipes que par leur expérience des opérations transnationales, De Pardieu conseille une clientèle française et internationale.

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