



Coat Haut de Sigy is an independent French law firm specializing in criminal defense, business litigation and regulatory compliance.

Our partners trained at top firms and bring broad experience in their specialisms, notably in banking, finance and media.

We like to work in a tight-knit team. It lets us offer direct and personalized support to our clients, be they French or international companies, leaders, shareholders or appointees.

Our pricing is transparent and is set in line with the complexity of each case, either billed by the hour or for a project fee. In some cases, we can also set up monthly installments.

We help our clients plan and manage costs case by case.

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OUR DUAL FOCUS: Litigation and Compliance

At Coat Haut de Sigy, we represent our clients every day in criminal, civil and commercial courts, as well as before regulatory agencies.

Our partners define pre-trial strategies and manage any urgent situations or crises, such as damage to image or reputation.

We advise our clients on compliance, in particular how to interpret their legal and regulatory obligations, and guidelines and publications from regulators.

Our firm can help your company set up internal procedures to combat money laundering, terrorism financing, corruption and influence peddling. We can also help develop your code of professional ethics and handle international sanctions.

Our lawyers have unique expertise in multi-jurisdictional cases, especially in investigations by foreign authorities.

This dual focus on litigation and compliance means that we can manage the entire litigation cycle: from prevention to remediation.

At Coat Haut de Sigy, we can also develop and run specifically-designed training sessions at your offices.

CASE STUDIES

Just a few of the cases that our lawyers have worked on.

> WHITE-COLLAR CRIME

Banking, Finance and the Stock Market

- ▶ Defense of banks as civil parties concerning the fraudulent sale of property to avoid tax, in particular prosecution for bank or financial sales, illegal exercise of bank brokerage activity, and money laundering.
- ▶ Defense of a corporate bank and one of its representatives prosecuted for complicity in providing false or misleading information in a case where the bank acted as an advising bank through a public exchange.
- ▶ Defense of bank appointees prosecuted for aggravated money laundering.
- ▶ Ordinary defense of banks in internal and external fraud cases, especially theft, abuse of trust, and fraud.

Tax and Customs Litigation

- ▶ Defense of French and international banks in a customs investigation regarding money laundering.
- ▶ Defense of an investment fund manager prosecuted for tax fraud on the basis of undeclared accounts payable that were registered abroad.
- ▶ Consultation for insurance executives to assess criminal risk linked to tax arrangements made in Europe to support intragroup financing.

Administration and Public Trust Offenses

- ▶ Defense of a former executive of a listed company prosecuted for favoritism in a case concerning conditions of public market allocations.
- ▶ Defense of a sovereign foreign investment fund in a corruption investigation focusing on transferring hidden commission fees abroad.

- ▶ Defense of a company victim of private corruption offenses committed by a former executive who took retro commissions.

Payment Instrument Fraud

- ▶ Ordinary defense of credit institutions victim of credit card fraud, in particular against organized groups of fraudsters and for counterfeit of payment instruments.
- ▶ Defense of banking and financial institutions with regard to unauthorized payment transactions, in particular social engineering fraud such as fake president fraud.

Employment Disputes and Unintentional Infractions

- ▶ Participation in the defense of an aircraft manufacturer charged with manslaughter following an aviation accident.
- ▶ Defense of a contracting authority accused of involuntary harm to a person during a construction site accident.
- ▶ Defense of a company prosecuted for harassment, union discrimination and hindrance due to an alleged absence of career development.

Competition and Consumer Law

- ▶ Defense of a bank prosecuted for failing to state the APR on a mortgage agreement and for wrongful advertising regarding consumer credit.
- ▶ Consultation on bank discrimination for banks and financing firms: right to an account, conditions for granting a loan, and bank transactions likely to be subject to international sanctions.

Intellectual Property Law, Cybercrime and New Technologies

- ▶ Defense of a former CEO to a cultural asset and leisure distributor accused of importing counterfeit works and counterfeit by diffusion or representation of works in violation of copyright.
- ▶ Advice and assistance to managers of companies victim of identity theft on social media and online forums (hijacking).

> PRESS AND MEDIA LAW

- ▶ Assistance and ordinary representation of an audiovisual group with regard to press and media law, in particular a libel suit arising from reports broadcast.
- ▶ Defense of industrial groups fighting smear campaigns against their products and services in civil and commercial courts. Suppression of illegal online content.
- ▶ Defense of an investment bank and one of its executives victim of defamation.

> REGULATORY DISPUTES

- ▶ Defense before the *Autorité des Marchés Financiers* (AMF, Financial Markets Regulator) of a director and shareholder of a listed company for failing to provide precise and truthful information to the public, improper use and communication of privileged information, and failure to declare certain transactions.
- ▶ Defense of a bank for breach of internal control obligations (permanent control, periodic control) and organization of accounts before the *Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel et de Résolution* (ACPR, Prudential Supervision and Resolution Authority).

- ▶ Defense of a Monaco-based bank before the *Service d'Information et de Contrôle sur les Circuits Financiers* (SICCFIN, Information and Control Service for Financial Circuits) regarding breaches of anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing obligations (AML/CFT).
- ▶ Defense of a casino before the *Commission Nationale des Sanctions* (CNS, National Sanctions Committee) regarding an AML/CFT sanction procedure.

> COMPLIANCE

- ▶ Advisory services to an investment bank regarding a U.S. authorities investigation of AML/CFT compliance and the international sanctions regime.
- ▶ Advisory services to an AML/CFT regulated institution with regards to introduction and outsourcing of obligations to identify clients.
- ▶ Advice to a bank updating its internal AML/CFT procedures and compliance with restrictive measures.
- ▶ Support for a company established in multiple African countries in drafting the professional ethics sections of its internal policies (gifts, donations and tenders).

> CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL DISPUTES

- ▶ Defense of a property asset management firm in an unfair competition suit following a mass poaching of clients and employees.
- ▶ Defense of banks in contractual liability proceedings with regards to unauthorized payment operations.
- ▶ Defense of a real estate company in contractual and criminal liability proceedings for failing to issue tax exemptions on properties sold.



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