



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

Our partners trained at top law firms. They bring broad experience in their specialism, notably in banking, finance and media laws.

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, managers, shareholders or employees.

*Our pricing is set up front in line with the complexity of each case. In agreement with the client, invoicing will be established according to an hourly rate or fixed fees. In some cases, we can also set up tiered or monthly installments.*

*We help our clients to anticipate and manage costs case by case.*

*Coat Haut de Sigy de Roux Minor clients can call our hotline to ask any specific or pressing legal questions.*



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## OUR SKILLS: DUAL FOCUS: « Litigation » and « Compliance »

Coat Haut de Sigy de Roux Minor acts daily before criminal, civil and commercial courts and represents its clients before regulatory authorities.

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 in particular to fight money laundering, terrorism financing, corruption and influence peddling, professional ethics and international sanctions.

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

This dual focus on litigation and compliance enable us to have a global approach, including prevention, litigation and remediation.

*Coat Haut de Sigy de Roux Minor provides internal training specially adapted to the needs of its clients.*

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## CASE STUDIES

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

### > WHITE-COLLAR CRIME

#### Banking, Finance and the Stock Market

- ▶ Defense of banks and financial institutions and/or their employees charged with aggravated money laundering.
- ▶ Defense of a listed company that was victim to internal fraud losses amounting to more than €120m. The company filed charges against its former executives for fraud committed on the derivatives and convertible bonds market.
- ▶ Defense of banking employees charged with violating banking secrecy.
- ▶ Defense of a banking employee prosecuted for complicity in freezing checks.

#### Competition and Consumer Law

- ▶ Defense of a finance company's directors charged with misleading commercial practices and violations under the Hamon Law.
- ▶ Defense of credit institutions against Scrivener Law violations in judicial proceedings.
- ▶ Defense of banks charged with fraud in relation to fraudulent commercial practices by their commercial partners.

#### Corruption and other breach of probity offenses

- ▶ Defense of a listed company charged with corrupting foreign public agents in relation to tax controls performed overseas.
- ▶ Defense of a lawyer prosecuted for passive corruption in a Russian athlete doping scandal.

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

#### Cybercrime and Payment Instrument Fraud

- ▶ Defense in judicial proceedings of credit and payment institutions victims of payment fraud, in particular relating to charges of fraud and counterfeiting of payment instruments: skimming, MIMCard, invoice fraud, online sales fraud, POS fraud, credit card fraud, etc.
- ▶ Defense of banking institutions regarding unauthorized payment transactions, "Fake President" fraud and bank transfer scams.
- ▶ Defense of companies in relation to cybercrimes: fraudulent access to information systems, Denial-of-Service attacks, phishing and typosquatting.
- ▶ Advice and assistance to managers and employees victim of cyberbullying and online identity theft: social media and online forums.

#### Tax and Customs Litigation

- ▶ Defense of French and international banks in public customs investigations regarding money laundering.
- ▶ Defense of an investment fund manager prosecuted for tax fraud on the basis of undeclared accounts payable that were registered abroad.

#### Employment Disputes and Unintentional Infractions

- ▶ Defense of companies and/or their employees in relation to moral harassment, union discrimination and hindrance offenses.



- ▶ Defense of a company accused of involuntary harm to a person during a construction site accident.
- ▶ Defense of an aircraft manufacturer charged with manslaughter following an aviation accident.

#### Criminal Law

- ▶ Defense of companies and/or their employees in relation to armed robbery, extortion and aggravated assault.
- ▶ Defense of companies in relation to internal and external fraud: theft, fraud, abuse of trust and fraudulent abuse of a person's state of weakness.
- ▶ Defense of credit institutions victim of organized fraud in relation to fraudulent loan applications.

#### > REGULATORY DISPUTES

- ▶ Regular assistance of entities subject to on-site customer protection and anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing (AML/CFT) investigations by the *Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel et de Résolution* (ACPR, Prudential Supervision and Resolution Authority).
- ▶ Defenses of bank for breach of internal control obligations (permanent control, periodic control) and organization of accounts before the ACPR.
- ▶ 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 AML/CFT obligations.
- ▶ 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.

#### > BANK COMPLIANCE AND ANTI-CORRUPTION

- ▶ Advice on developing debt capital market (DCM) activities in France for the French branch of a foreign bank.
- ▶ Advisory services to a private bank on regulatory obligations regarding "freedom to provide services" in relation to its activities within and outside the European Union.
- ▶ Advisory services to credit institutions in relation to its regulatory obligations in the provision of hosting and inter-bank messaging services.
- ▶ Advisory services to an investment bank regarding a U.S. authorities investigation of AML/CFT compliance and the international sanctions regime.

#### > PRESS AND MEDIA LAW

- ▶ Assistance and representation of an audiovisual group in relation to press and media law matters, in particular a libel suit arising from broadcast reports.
- ▶ Assistance and representation of executive officers and employees who are civil parties in media law cases (libel, defamation, insult) and damage to image.

#### > CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL DISPUTES

- ▶ Defense of banks in disputes relating to cancellation of allocated loan.
- ▶ Defense of a company for breaking off commercial relations and for breaking off negotiations.
- ▶ Advisory services and defense of credit institutions in relation to international financial sanctions and vetting obligations.
- ▶ Advisory services and defense in relation to conflicts and disputes between partners.
- ▶ Defense of summoned executive officers in relation to failures in management.
- ▶ Defense of banks in liability proceedings with regards to unauthorized payment operations.



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