

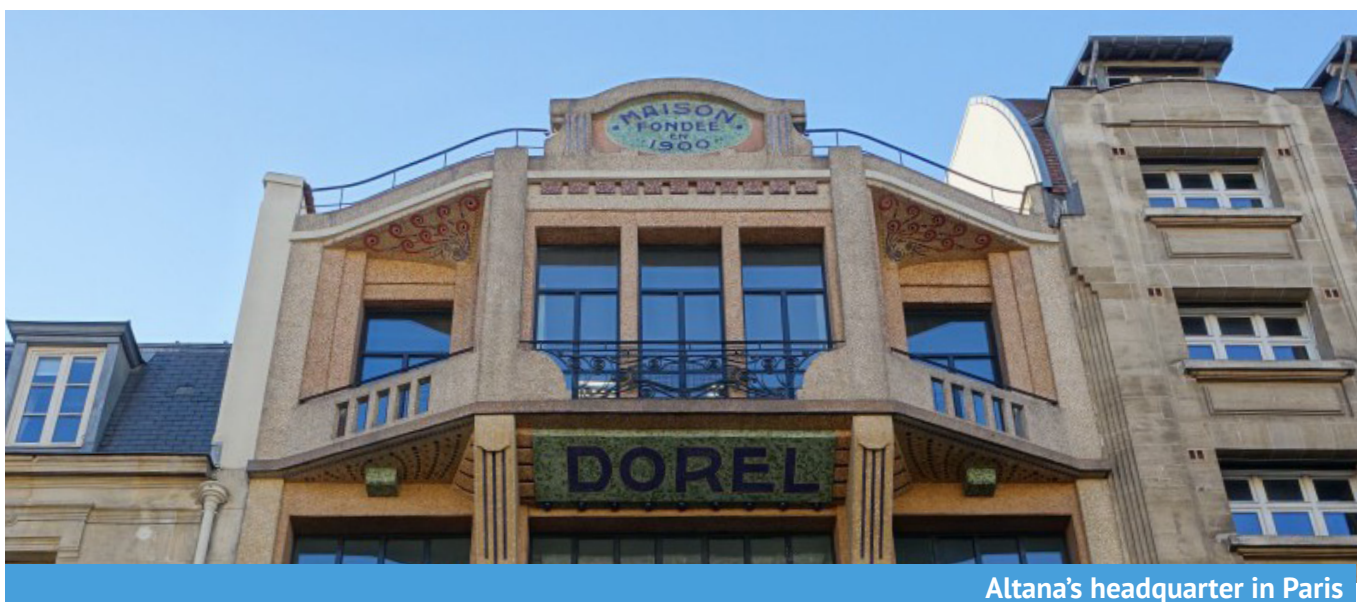
Altana announces the appointment of four Counsels

Laura Beserman, Delphine Lapillonne, Géraldine Malfait and Gildas Robert have been promoted to Counsels. These appointments will be effective as from 1st January 2021.

Altana's partners have given this distinction to these four people in recognition of their technical skills, their people skills – with clients as well as with the partners –, their ability to work on projects involving cross-disciplinary teams, and their aptitude to coach younger staff members.

Altana continues to promote its talented staff and to further the development of their expertise, in order to provide the best possible service to its clients. ●

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Altana's headquarter in Paris

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LAURA BESERMAN

Laura was called to the Paris bar in 2013. She holds a law degree in International Affairs from the Paris V Descartes University and took the ESSEC Specialized Masters course in the law of International Affairs and Management. Before joining Altana in 2015, she was with the Employment Law department of the Lex2b and Franklin law firms.

Laura deals with all matters concerning Employment Law for both French and foreign clients, both as advisor and as litigation counsel. Her particular specialities are the transfer of business ownership, collective redundancy, and problems related to working hours, staff representative bodies and employee savings plans. She also has special expertise in dealing with companies in difficulty, and works in close collaboration with the M&A and Structuring teams at Altana. ●



DELPHINE LAPILLONNE

Delphine was called to the Paris bar in 2011. She holds a B.A. from King's College, London, a Masters in Private International Law and International Trade Law from Paris I University and a degree from ESSEC. She joined Altana in 2017, after working for Hogan Lovells and Reed Smith.

Delphine deals with commercial litigation, more specifically with problems of liability with regard to faulty products. She advises industrialists, notably in the pharmaceutical sector, on complex litigation in civil, commercial, administrative and criminal cases. She has acquired specific expertise in mass disputes and group actions. She also handles the managing and coordination of multi-jurisdictional litigation. ●



GÉRALDINE MALFAIT

Géraldine was called to the New York bar in 2010 and to the Paris bar in 2012. She holds a bilingual Masters degree (French law/Anglo-American law) in company law (from Paris X University – Paris Ouest – Nanterre La Défense) and a B.A. from the American University in Washington D.C. After working for Heenan Blaikie et Carreras, Barsikian, and Robertson & Associés, she joined Altana in 2014.

Géraldine deals with Corporate Law – M&A. She advises investors and large French and foreign companies on their national and multi-jurisdictional mergers and acquisitions operations. In particular, she handles equity operations, whether this be in external growth (acquisitions or disposal of shares or assets), in joint ventures or share issues. She also deals with group restructuring operations, spin-offs and national or cross-border mergers. Notably, she has handled several operations in the field of renewable energy. ●



GILDAS ROBERT

Gildas was called to the Paris bar in 2012. He holds a degree from ESSEC and a Masters degree in financial criminal law from the University of Cergy-Pontoise. He also taught criminal proceedings at the University of Cergy-Pontoise, and gives training courses to clients on criminal liability. He joined Altana in 2013 after working for the Gide law firm.

Gildas deals with Business Criminal Law, mostly in litigation concerning criminal labor law and financial criminal law. He advises French and foreign clients – industrialists for the most part – assisting them at all stages of the proceedings, as well as in crisis and communication management. Furthermore, he has special expertise in environmental criminal law and in issues involving problems related to human rights. ●

ABOUT ALTANA

Altana is an independent multi-specialist company law firm based in Paris, with a strong sectorial and international approach. With 80 lawyers (including 21 partners), Altana advises French and foreign companies, as well as their directors, on complex cross-disciplinary matters in business sectors subject to high degrees of regulation, particularly in five key sectors: Construction, Banking / Insurance, Renewable energy, Life sciences, and TMT (Technology – Media – Telecom) • altanalaw.com



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