

## Dr. Sébastien Gros

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### Biography

Sébastien Gros, a partner in the firm's Paris office, leads the Financial Institutions Practice Group within the corporate practice. Regarded as one of three leading individuals in the European regulatory and corporate field, he is dedicated to helping financial services and insurance industry clients. Sébastien also has in-house counsel experience, working directly for several clients on a short-term basis, including a leading French banking group.

French and foreign financial institutions rely on Sebastian's solutions-focused approach to domestic and cross-border mergers and acquisitions (M&A), including share acquisitions and disposals, assets and business transfers, portfolio transfers, joint ventures, and group reorganisations. His clients include banks, e-money and payment institutions, investment services providers, insurers/reinsurers, and other regulated entities across the financial and insurance services industry. His support includes non-transactional financial services and insurance to these same institutions as well, such as the setting up of new businesses, licensing and conduct of business requirements, marketing and distribution of products, and product regulation.

Sébastien graduated from University of Freiburg (1995-2000), Paris Sorbonne (LL.M., 2002-2003) and



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### Languages

English  
French  
German

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### Practices

Corporate  
Insurance  
Mergers and Acquisitions

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Dresden (Doctor of Laws, 2008.) He qualified as a Rechtsanwalt (Germany) in 2002 and was admitted to the Paris bar in 2006.

## Representative experience

Advising a French banking group on the reorganisation of its insurance and reinsurance activities across several jurisdictions.

Advising a UK banking group on the disposal of its employee savings scheme business (épargne salariale) in France to a French credit institution.

Advising a French-based insurance group on the cross-border restructuring of its fine art insurance activities in France and Germany.

Advising a U.S. oil and gas corporation on the disposal of its downstream subsidiaries in Central, North and West Africa.

Advising a French banking group on the setting up of its insurance mediation business in several European countries in compliance with Directive 2002/92/EC on insurance mediation.

Advising a global leader in worldwide money transfer services on the implementation of Payment Services Directive 2007/64/EC in France and the reorganisation of its French business operations to comply with this directive.

Advising a leading French-based insurance group on the distribution of an innovative life insurance (investment related) product in 14 jurisdictions throughout Europe, Asia, Australia and North and South America.

Advising French and EU prepaid card issuers on French e-money and payment services regulations, including passporting issues and the impact of E-money Directive 2009/110/EC and Payment Services Directive 2007/64/EC.

## Industries

Financial Institutions

Insurance

TMT

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## Areas of focus

Payment Services

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## Education and admissions

### Education

Dr. iur., Doctorate in Law, Dresden University of Technology, 2006

LL.M., University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, 2003

Second German State Exam in Law, University of Freiburg, 2002

First German State Exam in Law, University of Freiburg, 2000

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## Memberships

Centre de Professions Financières, Paris

Franco-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Paris

German French Lawyers Association (DFJ/AJFA)

International Association Insurance Law (AIDA), Paris

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

## Awards and rankings

- Exclusive winner of the Client Choice Awards of the Insurance category for France, *International Law Office*, 2019
- Banking and Finance: Bank Regulatory, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2019
- Insurance, Leading Individual, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018-2019
- Exclusive winner of the Client Choice Awards of the Banking category for France, *International Law Office*, 2018
- Leading individual: regulatory and corporate Band 1 for Insurance in France, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2015/2016
- Most highly recommended Insurance & Reinsurer lawyer for France, *Who's Who Legal*, 2013 - 2015
- Exclusive Winner of the International Client Choice Award for France, *International Law Office*, 2014
- Strong reputation in the 'Regulatory insurance/reinsurance sector', *Décideurs Stratégie Finance Droit*, 2014

## Latest thinking and events

- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises SCOR in relation to the merger of its three SE legal entities
- ■ Paris Brexit Seminar
- Press Releases
  - Brexit analysis: what are the priorities for EU governments around Brexit planning?
- ■ What's Brexit got to do with EU?
- Hogan Lovells Engage
  - PSD2: France publishes Decree containing list of special payment instruments
- Awards and Rankings
  - Hogan Lovells Paris has improved its rankings in six

Germany

Paris

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## Accolades

Sébastien Gros is considered an 'authority in the insurance arena', a 'confident and able' practitioner who is 'highly sought after by leading banking and insurance groups'

*Who's Who Legal, 2014*

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Sébastien Gros is noted for being an 'accessible and solutions-focused' lawyer and praised for his 'ability to provide advice in a 'commercial context'

*Who's Who Legal, 2014*

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Hogan Lovells (Paris) LLP's 'outstanding compliance and regulatory practice' led by the 'dedicated' Sébastien Gros, has 'profound knowledge' in the insurance area.

*Legal 500 EMEA, 2015 (Band 1 – Insurance)*

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categories in The Legal 500 EMEA 2018