

## Christine Gateau

Partner

Paris

### Biography

'Highly knowledgeable' in IT and in e-commerce disputes (Who's Who Legal: France 2015), Litigation partner Christine Gateau is 'in a class of her own' when it comes to defending online marketplaces (Who's Who Legal: France 2015). From reviewing general terms and conditions to defending them in Court, from meetings with the French General Directorate of Consumer Affairs to negotiations with consumers associations, Christine successfully represents internet companies in their first steps on the French market. Her deep knowledge of the industry and her connections with the relevant stakeholders allows Christine to help you navigate the evolving landscape of legislation governing the internet and building successful strategies for your development in France.

'A fantastic lawyer', Christine Gateau is one of the few litigation practitioners renowned for her work in the Information Technology field (Who's Who Legal: TMT 2015) as well as in the Product Liability area (Guide to the World's Leading Product Liability Lawyers 2014). Christine regularly appears before French courts in the context of commercial and civil proceedings involving extensive investigations. She has significant experience in and knowledge of industries as diverse as e-commerce, technology, medias & telecoms, energy and food & drinks. She regularly speaks at seminars



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### Languages

English  
French

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### Practices

Commercial Litigation  
Corporate and Shareholder  
Litigation  
Energy Disputes  
IT Law  
Litigation Services  
Privacy and Cybersecurity  
Products Law  
Technology Litigation

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and conferences in Europe, in the US and in Asia. Within US-based organisation DRI – The Voice of the Defense Bar, Christine serves as the Vice Chair of the International Committee.

## Representative experience

We assist one of the world leaders in online payments in a dispute launched on the ground of software counterfeiting and unfair competition.

We defend a major oil company against a claim amounting to around €24m for the alleged abrupt termination of an established business relationship.

We represent a major energy group in proceedings initiated to fight the enforcement in France of a foreign award of nearly €40m.

We represent an international general contractor in expertise proceedings launched by a subcontractor regarding delays in the construction of an industrial facility in a refinery.

We advise major companies selling alcoholic beverages on the conditions under which such beverages can be marketed, promoted and advertised in France.

We assist clients on a regular basis in relation to tort, contractual and product liability claims.

## Awards and rankings

- Dispute Resolution: Commercial Litigation, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018-2019
- Industry focus: IT, Telecoms and the Internet, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018-2019
- Dispute Resolution: Litigation (France), *Chambers Global*, 2018-2019
- Recognized in Dispute Resolution, *Chambers Europe*, 2018
- Guide to the World's Leading Product Liability

## Industries

Automotive and Mobility  
Consumer  
Diversified Industrials  
Energy and Natural Resources  
TMT

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## Areas of focus

Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Class Actions and Group Litigation  
Corporate and Shareholder Litigation in Europe  
Product Litigation

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## Education and admissions

### Education

Post-graduate Degree in Business Law and Economics, University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, 2003  
Masters in Public Law, University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, 2001  
Sciences Po, Sciences Po, 2001  
Masters in Business Law, University of Paris II Panthéon-Assas, 2000

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## Memberships

DRI – The Voice of the Defense Bar (Vice Chair of the International Committee)

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Lawyers, 2014

- France , Technology Media & Telecommunications, *Who's Who Legal*, 2015
- Media and Entertainment, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2014
- Legal Media Group's Guide to the World's Leading Woman in Business Law-Product Liability section

## Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Data class actions guide
- Analysis
  - International Products Law Review 2019: Issue 75
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - A Turning Point for Tech – Global survey on digital regulation
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells helps to secure a significant 'right to be forgotten' ruling for Google
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Getting The Deal Through: M&A Litigation 2019 - France *Law Business Research*
- Events
  - ADG Update Webinar (Europe)

## Bar admissions and qualifications

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## Accolades

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