

Aline Doussin

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Biography

Ranked as a 'Leading Individual' on Trade law by Legal 500 UK, Aline Doussin heads the International trade team in London. As a dual-qualified lawyer (Avocat au Barreau de Paris and Solicitor in England and Wales), she divides her time between Paris and London and assists companies on the full range of international trade law and policy issues, including export control, sanctions, anti-money laundering, customs, trade compliance, trade remedies, and anti-corruption.

She helps clients on compliance with EU and UK trade laws, export controls, sanctions and embargoes laws, but also extra-territorial application of foreign laws, incl. ITAR and EAR compliance. She advises, with our U.S. partners, on the application of U.S. sanctions to European clients' operations, and assists with investigations and disclosure to competent regulators for breaches of sanctions and export control laws.

Aline regularly advises clients on all customs-related issues, including litigating EU and UK customs' classification decisions, representing clients in customs' audits and investigations from EU and UK customs authorities.

Aline also advises on EU and UK internal market laws, including CE marking obligations and the rules that apply to the placement of products on the EU and UK markets.

Aline is a representative of France to the Council of Bars



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Languages

French
English
Italian
German

Practices

International Trade and
Investment

Privacy and Cybersecurity

Government Relations and
Public Affairs

Sovereigns

Industries

Aerospace and Defense

and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), is a member of the Policy Committee of British American Business (BAB), and sits on HM Government's Professional Business Services advisory group (TTG)

In 2019, she was appointed by the UK Government to the Department of International Trade ("DIT") – Expert Trade Advisory Group.

Representative experience

Advising a major European financial institution on EU and UK sanctions laws adopted against Russia, and representing them in their exit from the Russia market.

Advising a British multinational automobile manufacturer on sanctions and export controls laws.

Advising a major airspace and defense client on all aspects on its compliance with UK export controls and customs compliance and self-disclosure obligations to the UK regulators.

Advising a French private investment house on sanctions and export control compliance, and drafting of internal sanctions compliance policies.

Representing a U.S. manufacturer of consumer products on a challenge to HMRC customs classification decision.

Advising HM Government on its free-trade negotiations with Australia and New Zealand.

Advising a government on WTO law and Policy.

Advising a U.S. engineering company on CE marking and product compliance issues arising in the context of the sale of its shares to a European business.

Assisting a South Asian government on its trade negotiations with the European Union.

Advised a global pharmaceutical company on Brexit contingency planning, and legal issues arising out of trade barriers re-imposed between the EU and the UK.

Consumer

Financial Institutions

Life Sciences and Health Care

Areas of focus

Export Controls

Sanctions

Anti-money Laundering

Customs and Import Compliance

Brexit

Trade Legislation, Policy, and Negotiations

Bribery and Corruption

Foreign Government Representation

Global Regulatory in the UK

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

Education and admissions

Education

LL.M., Intellectual Property Law, Panthéon-Assas University

LL.M., European Law, University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne

Master degree in International Law, Paris XI-Sceaux University

Institut Supérieur d'Interprétariat et de Traduction (I.S.I.T.)

Qualified Lawyer Transfer Scheme (QLTS), BPP Law School

Advising a European medical device manufacturer on customs misclassification of parts and components in Europe.

Advising airspace and defense clients with HMG's security classifications requirements and the handling of HMG information classified assets.

Advising US airspace and defense clients on the French legal framework of the protection of national defence secret, including the applicable security clearing and control procedures.

Secured a significant customs victory for a client consumer products manufacturer, against (HMRC) with regards to classification of composite goods.

Awards and rankings

- Leading Individual, Trade, Customs and WTO, *Legal 500 UK*, 2016-2022
- Winner of the Franco-British Legal Award, Prix, *Champagne Louis Roederer*
- Hot 100 List, *The Lawyer*, 2021

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - At the crossroads of IP and Russia sanctions: what IP Rights holders need to know
- News
 - HMG uses national security powers to order the disposal of a UK company acquired by Chinese investor
- Insights and Analysis
 - Sanctions: The end of the beginning? Moving into a new era of anti-circumvention and enforcement
- News
 - Upcoming EU regulation concerning forced labour in supply chains
- Insights and Analysis
 - FDI didn't know that...

Memberships

ADS: Premier Trade Organisation for companies in the UK Aerospace, Defence, Security and Space sectors

EGADD: the UK Export Group for the Aerospace, Defense & Dual-use

BAB: British American Business
Tech UK

Bar admissions and qualifications

Solicitor, England and Wales
Avocate à la Cour, Barreau de Paris – France

Accolades

"She is extremely knowledgeable and a very appreciated partner, client-focused and dedicated to always helping find the right approach, resources and solution for the business. Aline is absolutely brilliant to work with and I cannot recommend her enough."

Legal 500

- News

- UK makes trade sanctions violation a strict liability offence and amends the legal advisory services ban