ENVIRONMENT
Bouvill & Associés
GENESIS AVOCATS
Huglo Lepage & Associés Conseil
Winston & Strawn LLP
Gide Loyrette Nouel A.A.R.P.I.
Jones Day
Savin-Martinet & Associés
UGGC & Associés
Adamas
Allen & Overy LLP
Clifford Chance
Laurence Laney
Pichavant & Châtrit
Thieffy & Associés
August & Debeuzay
Baker & McKenzie
CGR Legal
Salans
Soulzat Lariviére & Associés

They offer 'very good knowledge of environmental regulations' and 'very practical and user-friendly answers.' The team provides litigation, advice and due diligence expertise to major companies.

Jones Day's environmental practice continues to grow since the arrival of Françoise Labrousse in 2005. Along with her team of five associates, she offers services related to M&A and corporate finance, compliance advice, as well as handling environmental litigation and international arbitration. The team notably represented the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire in international litigation issues related to toxic waste and major soil and water contamination.

Savin-Martinet & Associés has a broad range of environmental skills, including contaminated sites, natural resources matters and industrial risks. The firm's practice encompasses litigation, due diligence, audits and environmental reporting. Patricia Savin and Yvon Martinet are key contacts.

UGGC & Associés has expertise in environmental law. Of note, the firm advised EDF in connection with administrative permits required in operating the Flamanville nuclear power plant. Jean-Nicolas Clément is recommended.

Adamas deals with industrial pollution issues and is regularly consulted on environmentally friendly technologies. The firm is active in significant cross-border work, and benefits from its network of offices in Asia. Yvan Razafindrakoto has a good reputation.

Allen & Overy LLP's environment team is led by partners Noël Chahid-Nourai and Jean-Yves Oller who joined from Weil, Gotshal & Manges in April 2007. The practice demonstrates expertise in environmental aspects of M&A, restructuring and property transactions. Highlights include advising Shell on the disposal of its French refineries. The firm is also active in renewable energy projects, and transactions, in particular relating to wind farms and biomass. It recently advised Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations on the acquisition of companies set up to develop and operate wind farms in France.

Pierre Bechmann and Patrick Hubert lead a potent environmental practice at Clifford Chance. The firm is visible in contamination issues and continues to take on criminal and civil cases for nuclear group Areva. One source noted, 'Clifford Chance's involvement certainly added a lot to our case.'

Laurence Laney advises on issues arising from hygiene and security and safety, notably in polluted industrial sites. Laurence Laney has an established reputation.

Pichavant & Châtrit regularly advises clients on regulations and permits, and environmental decisions. The firm handles an important workload in the field of polluted sites and was involved in the high-profile case of the waste incinerator in Marseille. Jean-Daniel Châtrit is recommended.

Thieffy & Associés deals with a large number of issues and notably eco-tax and state-aid questions. The firm worked for the French Ministry of Environment and the Dunkerque Port. Patrick Thieffy is a recommended expert.

August & Debeuzay advises on environmental law, particularly in relation to product liability issues. The practice focuses on litigation as well as environmental audits. Olivier Debeuzay is widely known on the market.

Emmanuel Guillaume and Arnaud Cabañes lead the environment team at Baker & McKenzie. The practice was active in 2007, advising several large companies. The team assisted EDF-Commerce on the implementation of waste and electrical and electronic equipment regulation, as well as assisting on several disputes for EDF against the building of the EPR at Flamanville.

CGR Legal's team has 'hands-on experience, great expertise and an acute business sense.' The firm has particular expertise in the area of renewable energy. The firm advised Eureowind International on the sale of wind farms to Macquarie Bank. Its additional clients include Renewable Energy Systems, Nordex, ECN Energies and Valorem. Fabrice Cassin is an expert in the sector of renewable energy and public law. He delivers 'valuable advice based on this combination of legal and industry knowledge.'

At Salans, Guillaume Forbin heads a multidisciplinary team deemed 'available, competent and business oriented.' Lawyers recently advised several pharmaceutical manufacturers and laboratories on the closing of industrial sites.

Soulzat Lariviére & Associés has gained a strong reputation through its involvement in high-profile litigation. The firm also assists its clients on general environmental issues. Recently, the firm has been involved in two significant cases: the sinking of the Erika and the explosion of the AZF plant. Founder Daniel Soulé-Lariviére is a well-known environmental law expert in France.

Health and life sciences

Courtois Lobef's team is 'available, efficient, competent and well-informed' and has 'real capabilities in anticipating new legislation.' The firm covers the entire health sector and advises major industrial health companies such as Johnson & Johnson, Sanofi-Aventis, Madtronic and medical professionals on issues such as regulation, liability and advertising. Lawyers notably represented Texas Pacific Gulf on the purchase of Baxter's transfusion therapy division. In another highlight, the team advised on pharmaceutical regulations involving co-ordination with 75 law firms around the world. Alain Gorny and Thierry Dugas both have 'great experience in the health sector'.

Louise de Gaulle and Jean-Marie Job head the competent health and life sciences team of De Gaulle Fleurance & Associés along with partner Frank Valent. The team's quality reputation in the healthcare sector is attributed to its regulatory work. It attracts clients such as pharmaceutical laboratories, manufacturers of medical devices, and health companies. In 2007, the team advised LéEM on the negotiating and drafting of a methodology of reference for the use of health databases.

Dechert is recognised as 'prestigious, with a team of high-quality lawyers focusing on M&A for major French and US companies specialising in the healthcare industry. The team recently advised Baxter on the French aspects of the sale of its transfusion therapy business to Texas Pacific Group. Additional representative clients include Aérop Liqueur, Allergan, Baxter, and Wyeth Pharmaceuticals. Alain Decombre is well known.

Salans is one of the best firms and offers a wide range of competencies at the highest level. François Vignaud, Pascale Poupeulin and Mélanie Thill-Tayara demonstrate a 'deep understanding of the health industry' and are 'very creative in their solutions.' The team advised Pfizer in the sale of its worldwide division of consumer healthcare products to Johnson & Johnson. Lawyers also defended Ferring in a case against French regulatory authorities. In another highlight, the group represented Delbert Laboratories, and Hoffman La Roche and Roche S&Y in competition proceedings. Other major healthcare companies who regularly instruct the firm include Sanofi-Aventis and Colgate Palmolive.

Simmons & Simmons is recognised for its 'excellent knowledge of the health and life sciences sector' and 'availability in case of emergency.'