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Overview

As chair of our International Practice Group, Philippe's practice focuses on growth, mid-cap, and large private or public companies, governmental organizations, and individuals in the United States and abroad in the areas of corporate and business law, as well as technology transactions. The core of his practice consists of assisting French, European, and other international companies in their U.S. investments and cross-border transactions, dispute resolutions, and litigation. He also serves as outside U.S. general counsel to a variety of European clients, providing day-to-day legal and business counsel in matters of all types.

Based on his training and international experience, Philippe can identify, analyze, and resolve complex issues arising in cross-border transactions and litigation for foreign and U.S. clients. He represents clients in multiple industries, including software and information technology, medical devices, pharmaceutical, chemical, industrial equipment, consumer brands and retail, food and beverage, and fashion.

Prior to building his practice in the United States, Philippe established the Paris-based merger/antitrust and commercial law practice for Herbert Smith Freehills LLP, a U.K and international law firm. He later became the U.S. head of the European Union desk of Donahue & Partners, an American firm allied with Ernst & Young. Transitioning into a U.S. lawyer, he worked from the New York-based offices of international and U.S. law firms before joining Schiff Hardin.

Prior to establishing his practice in the United States, Philippe had extensive experience in Europe, gaining a strong understanding of foreign clients' culture and needs when it comes to their U.S. investments and litigation. A dual French-American citizen living and working in the United States, Philippe is a frequent speaker at various seminars and events.

Practices

- International
- Corporate and Transactional
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Intellectual Property
- Labor and Employment

Industries

- Automotive
- Construction
- Consumer Products and Services
- Food and Beverage
- Manufacturing
- Pharmaceuticals
- Real Estate

Experience

- Represented a leading global manufacturer of raw ingredients for the perfume and chemical industries in setting-up its operations in the United States, its construction and real estate matters, and its day-to-day activities and dispute resolutions.
- Represented a French and European leader in the chocolate and candy industry in its acquisition of an U.S.-based candy business and its day-to-day operations.
- Represented a Moroccan leader in the food industry in setting up its operations in the United States.
- Represented a French leading online vacation rentals business in its acquisition of its U.S. industry leader counterpart.
- Represented a leading manufacturer and worldwide distributor of medical devices in its strategic divestiture of its neurosurgical business division in the United States.
- Advised leading European manufacturer of fragrance raw materials for the perfume industry in setting up its operations in the United States.
- Represented a German company that delivers system technology for maritime applications in its acquisition of all outstanding shares of a leading U.S. designer and supplier of roll stabilization and heel control systems.
- Represented a leading French manufacturer and supplier of fashion clothing in its corporate restructuring in the United States.
- Represented a leading manufacturer and worldwide distributor of medical devices in its long-standing litigation against its former CEO, its acquisition of a logistics and manufacturing platform in the United States, and all its litigations and daily corporate, employment, and commercial operations.
- Advised a leading French manufacturer and supplier of luxury upholstery in expanding its distribution network in the United States.
- Represented a Japanese leader in humanoid robotics with setting up its operations in the United States, advising on general corporate, employment, tax, and commercial/licensing matters.
- Advised a leading French company specializing in secured power supply along with a manufacturer of low voltage power security switches and devices, on general U.S. corporate matters, including the bankruptcy of one of their major customers.
- Advised the French monopoly of the manufacturer of gun powder and explosives in its prolonged negotiations that ultimately led to the divestiture of its U.S. business.
- Represented a French public company in purchasing the assets of a leading U.S. spare parts manufacturer for the automotive industry.
- Advised a leading Italian manufacturer of industrial ovens for the bakery and restaurant industry with setting up its operations in the United States, advising on general corporate, employment, tax, and commercial matters.
- Advised a French pharmaceutical company on the launch of a revolutionary drug in the United States.
- Represented the largest European company in the bakery industry in setting up its operations in the United States and advising on general corporate, employment, tax and commercial matters.
- Represented a French leading yogurts and deserts manufacturer in setting-up its operations in the United States and in its day-to-day activities.
- Represented a Moroccan leading olive oil manufacturer in setting-up its operations in the United States and in its day-to-day activities.
- Represented a French private conglomerate in the sale and purchase of renowned vineyards in the NAPA valley.
- Represented the partners of prominent French-American accounting firm in the sale of their business to a major French and international accounting firm.

Credentials

Education

- Fordham University School of Law, LL.M., Corporate Law and Finance, 2006, *cum laude*
- Université Paris X - Nanterre, D.E.S.S., European Business Law, 1996, *with honors*
- Université Paris X - Nanterre, J.D., French, German and European Business Law, 1995
- Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris, M.B.A., Economics and Finance Section, 1993

Bar Admissions

- New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- France

Professional Memberships

- New York Bar Association, Member

Languages Spoken & Fluency

- French, Fluent
- German, Fluent

AWARDS & HONORS

- Recommended Technology and Outsourcing Attorney (2017)
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