

Leading individuals

Banking and finance

Adnane Bouchaib Bouchaib Law Firm
Amine Ghellal Ghellal & Mekerba
Mustapha Hamza Hamza Law Office
Vincent Lunel Lefèvre Pelletier & associés

Corporate and M&A

Mamoun Aidoud Aidoud Law Firm
Amine Ghellal Ghellal & Mekerba
Mustapha Hamza Hamza Law Office
Yamina Kebir Yamina Kebir, Law Office
Samy Laghouati Gide Loyrette Nouel
Samir Sayah CMS

Dispute resolution

Mohammed Chemloul Chemloul & Associés
Amine Ghellal Ghellal & Mekerba
Yamina Kebir Yamina Kebir, Law Office

Energy

Amine Ghellal Ghellal & Mekerba
Sid Ali Hadj-Hamou Hadj-Hamou/Djouadi
Samy Laghouati Gide Loyrette Nouel
Sid-Ahmed Mekerba Ghellal & Mekerba
Samir Sayah CMS
Hassan Yassine Thompson & Knight LLP

Foreign firms

Christophe Asselineau Shearman & Sterling LLP
Emmanuel Galliard Shearman & Sterling LLP
Mehdi Haroun Herbert Smith Freehills LLP
Vincent Lunel Lefèvre Pelletier & associés
Tim Scales Allen & Overy LLP
Christophe Von Krause White & Case LLP

Corporate and M&A

'An active player' on major deals, CMS recently advised a manufacturer on a joint venture and acted for a French healthcare company on an acquisition. It also advised an industrial services company on a share transfer. Mourad Nabil Abdessemed, Amine Sator and Samir Sayah are recommended.

Ghellal & Mekerba is 'one of the best firms in Algeria'. Amine Ghellal advises international clients with existing interests in Algeria, including companies across the telecoms, tobacco and food manufacturing industries.

Gide Loyrette Nouel's Samy Laghouati leads an experienced team that represents blue-chip international companies across sectors such as insurance and automotive manufacturing. Rym Loucif is also recommended.

Hamza Law Office often handles corporate referrals from international law firms. Mustapha Hamza, who has an excellent reputation for M&A and investments, recently advised AstraZeneca on a strategic partnership with Biopharm.

Law Office Yamina Kebir's name partner regularly advises Anglophone and Francophone clients on corporate, M&A and employment matters. Clients include British Airways and Daewoo.

Aidoud Law Firm gives commercial, IP and employment law support to local and international clients, and recently advised Monsanto on import controls. Mamoun Aidoud

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often acts as local counsel for international law firms.

Ben Abderrahmane & Partners is the only Algerian firm with a Paris office. It serves clients across telecoms, automotive, pharmaceuticals, and banking sectors, including Daewoo and China Investment Corporation.

Chemloul & Associés' Mohammed Chemloul is experienced in project support, corporate and regulatory law. He acts for international and local clients and is on the commercial law and practice committee of the International Chamber of Commerce.

Guerrouche Mouloud MG Avocats' three-lawyer team advises international clients on infrastructure development and investments. Mouloud Guerrouche, Mohamed Lamine Guemouche and Soumeiya Guerrouche are a regular choice as local counsel.

Hadj-Hamou/Djouadi has a very good reputation in privatisation and commercial law, and is an associate office of SNR Denton. Sid Ali Hadj-Hamou and Ahmed Djouadi are the name partners.

Haroun & Associés is one of Algeria's oldest law firms. All Haroun has advised many international and local clients on investments and corporate law.

Lefèvre Pelletier & associés is 'a good firm with competent lawyers providing a very good level of service'. Algiers office manager Vincent Lunel advises clients in the energy, infrastructure and banking sectors. Alain Gauvin, who works from Casablanca and Paris, has 'experience of complex legal and regulatory issues'.

Cabinet d'Avocats Samir Hamouda regularly works with PwC and often advises international oil and gas sector clients. Samir Hamouda is highly regarded.

Badri Cabinet for Intellectual Property Algeria's patent and trade mark attorneys often advise on anti-counterfeiting cases and represent numerous foreign companies. Commercial and IP lawyer Abdelwahab Badri is well regarded.

Bouchaib Law Firm's Adnane Bouchaib is well known for telecoms work, including tax planning, regulatory and transactional support. Highlights included assisting the European Commission's project management units on privatisation programmes.

Cabinet Boukrami in cooperation with Saba & Co. IP specialises in IP, and has a strong reputation for trade mark, patent and copyright prosecution work.

Noureddine Ferchiou's team at Tunisian firm Ferchiou & associés fields Algerian lawyers handling deals for clients including EBRD and the World Bank.

Cabinet Mustapha Hamdane's name partner is well regarded for IP and contract law matters.

Dispute resolution

Chemloul & Associés' 'excellent' Mohammed Chemloul has broad-ranging experience including international arbitration. An Algerian ICC Committee member, he is often chosen as local counsel by foreign law firms.

Amine Ghellal at Ghellal & Mekerba is a member of the International Arbitration Institute, and has a strong reputation in complex international arbitration. Clients include Conoco and Anadarko.

Hadj-Hamou/Djouadi's team includes experienced arbitrator Sid Ali Hadj-Hamou and litigator Ahmed Djouadi.

Law Office Yamina Kebir's Yamina Kebir mainly represents foreign clients in commercial and IP disputes, with international firms including Herbert Smith Freehills LLP regularly instructing her as local counsel.

Mamoun Aidoud at Aidoud Law Firm is vastly experienced in commercial, maritime and civil disputes.

Ben Abderrahmane & Partners is well known for handling high-value arbitrations, particularly in the oil and gas sector.

Adnane Bouchaib's diverse practice at Bouchaib Law Firm spans criminal and civil law disputes, including employment law cases.

Cabinet Boukrami in cooperation with Saba & Co. IP is a popular choice for trade mark, copyright and patent disputes.

CMS' Mourad Nabil Abdessemed is noted for tax disputes and often represents international energy companies.

Hamza Law Office's Mustapha Hamza is one of two experienced arbitration lawyers handling banking and commercial disputes.

Haroun & Associés' lawyers have experience in high-ranking judicial positions,

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Fatima-Zohra Bouchemla's four-strong team at Lefèvre Pelletier & associés represents Algerian clients and subsidiaries of international businesses.

Cabinet Sator is best known for IP and competition law disputes.

Energy

Ghellal & Mekerba's co-founder Sid-Ahmed Mekerba has extensive in-house experience at state oil company Sonatrach, making him an ideal choice for hydrocarbons industry matters. Clients include European energy companies and US-based petroleum and water treatment companies.

Gide Loyrette Nouel remains prominent for oil and gas sector work, and Samy Laghouati regularly advises on large-scale infrastructure matters.

Hadj-Hamou/Djouadi's Sid Ali Hadj-Hamou previously led Sonatrach's in-house legal team and is one of Algeria's leading energy sector experts.

Hamza Law Office has extensive experience in advising international oil and gas and energy companies on downstream projects. Mustapha Hamza is recognised for his oil and gas sector expertise.

Thompson & Knight LLP's Hassan Yassine is vastly experienced in oil and gas investments and was previously head of legal at Sonatrach. Maya Laichoubi focuses on international energy sector deals.

Ben Abderrahmane & Partners advises foreign investors including China Investment Corporation on investments in the local oil and gas sector. The practice also has a particular focus on contentious matters.

Samir Sayah leads CMS' energy team, which advises on taxation, investments, regulatory and project finance matters. It recently advised an

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international company on contracts with Sonelgaz. Other clients include Halliburton, Schlumberger, BP, Total, and Repsol.

Chemloul & Associés' Mohammed Chemloul, a former Sonatrach company executive, regularly handles disputes and transactional matters.

Guerrouche Mouloud MG Avocats' name partner Guerrouche Mouloud is local adviser to numerous European companies.

Foreign firms

Allen & Overy LLP's Paris-based project finance partner Tim Scales and François Duquette in Casablanca both advise international clients on their investments in Algeria. The firm's excellent track record in major projects makes it a leading choice for oil and gas sector developments.

Clifford Chance handles deals in Algeria through a multinational team including Mustapha Mourahib in Casablanca and Paris-based corporate and projects expert Anthony Giustini. The firm has been advising Pfizer on investment regulations.

Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP advises Sonatrach, a longstanding client, on contentious and transactional matters. Recent work includes representing Sonatrach and the Republic of Algeria in a \$3bn ICSID arbitration against Maersk Oil. George Kahale in New York, Gallileo Pozzoli in Milan and David Hesse in London are all highly experienced.

Paris-based Boris Martor heads Eversheds LLP's Africa group. The firm's longstanding experience frequently earns it transactional or disputes instructions from international companies in the life sciences, retail and various industrial sectors. Paris-based Imene Boukadoum is regarded as a rising star.

Herbert Smith Freehills LLP's Paris team includes the 'highly respected' Mehdi Haroun and fluent Arabic speaker Nora Djeraba, who

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