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Karl Buhler is an associate in the Corporate and Securities Practice Group and French Desk in the firm's New York Office.

Areas of Practice

Karl's practice primarily focuses on domestic and cross-border transactions (with special emphasis on operations involving French companies). He handles in mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, and complex commercial agreements in industries such as technology, communications, life sciences, energy, defense and aerospace. In particular, he advises foreign companies with the installation and development of their operations in the United States.

Karl was born and educated in France. He began his legal career in China, practicing corporate law in both Beijing and Hong Kong with a focus on mergers, acquisitions, and project finance in the energy and infrastructure sectors.

Karl then relocated to Paris, where he continued to focus on corporate transactions, but also expanded his expertise to international arbitrations and litigations arising from contracts and transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, joint venture, and infrastructure agreements.

Karl moved to New York to further build his corporate experience in cross-border transactions and disputes at a U.S.-based firm where he worked closely with French companies implanted in the U.S.

Experience

Mr. Buhler has represented:

- A Chinese bank in connection with the financing and acquisition of an African mining company
- A French publicly-traded industrial equipment company in connection with the acquisition of a Chinese technology company
- A Chinese distribution company against a leading French manufacturer in connection with a distribution agreement
- A French pharmaceutical company in connection with the acquisition of a French pharmaceutical laboratory
- A French weapons manufacturer against an African state in connection with a defense contract
- A leading French food manufacturer in connection with the restructuring of its assets

- A French publicly-traded telecommunications company against a U.S. technology company in connection with a license agreement
- A French software company in connection with the establishment of its U.S. operations
- A French technology company in connection with the establishment of its U.S. and South American operations
- A French publicly-traded energy company in connection with the acquisition of a U.S. energy company
- A French music streaming company in connection with the expansion of its operations to the U.S.

Articles

- Key Renewable M&A Transaction Issues
State Bar of Texas Section Report of the Oil, Gas & Energy Resources Law, 09.03.2020

Corporate and Securities Law Blog Posts

- "The Impact of COVID-19 on M&A Transactions – Part I: Due Diligence and Operational Issues," July 27, 2020
- "How the New Presidential Proclamation Regarding Non-Immigrant Visas Affects Your Company," June 24, 2020

French Desk Law Blog

- "NIE's Now Good for 1 Year, More on Navigating the Travel Ban Jungle: National Interest Exception Checklist for the U.S. COVID Travel Bans," July 20, 2021
- "Navigating the Travel Ban Jungle: National Interest Exception Checklist for the U.S. COVID Travel Bans," July 1, 2021
- "U.S. Embassy in Paris Substantially Limits the Eligibility of National Interest Exemptions for Foreign Travelers," March 3, 2021
- "The U.S. economic recovery plan: benefits, limits and risks for French companies in the United States," May 15, 2020
- "The U.S. Coronavirus Inbound Travel Ban Has Been Expanded to Flights from the U.K., Ireland, and Schengen countries, in Addition to the Previous Ban from China and Iran," March 16, 2020
- "Hiring Personnel in New York: Dos and Don'ts – Part 2," November 5, 2018
- "Hiring Personnel in New York: Dos and Don'ts – Part 1," September 27, 2018
- "Opening a U.S. Bank Account Can be Much More Onerous than you Think and Can Delay Your Cross-Border Transaction or Growth Plans in the U.S." June 27, 2018
- "Foreign Investors in the US are required to declare their investments to the Bureau of Economics and Analysis of the U.S. Department of Commerce," June 26, 2018

Venture Law Blog Posts

- "2020, 2021 and the EC/VC Industry – Review of the Past Year and Predictions for the Current One," March 22, 2021
- "Investments in Emerging Growth Companies Post-COVID-19," June 17, 2020

- "Issues Regarding SEC Proposal to Expand Private Offering Exemptions," March 24, 2020

Events

COVID-19 – The 30-Day Mark – How Companies Are Navigating the New Reality, Hear From Three Business Leaders

Webinar, 04.14.2020

Podcasts & Webinars

French Insider Podcast Episode 8: Tips for French Individuals Relocating to the US: Dos & Don'ts, Hiring, and Adjusting to Cultural Differences with Romain Poirot

11.01.2021

COVID-19 – The 30-Day Mark – How Companies Are Navigating the New Reality, Hear From Three Business Leaders

04.14.2020

Practices

Corporate

Intellectual Property

International Reach

France

Industries

Aerospace & Defense

Energy, Infrastructure and Project Finance

Government Business Group

Telecom

Education

LL.M., Fordham University School of Law, 2017

LL.M., Montpellier Law School, 2013

J.D., Montpellier Law School, 2012

Admissions

New York

Paris (not yet admitted)

Languages

French

German