

# Business Crime Law Firm of the Year in France



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**Comprising five partners and 15 associates, Lombard Baratelli Astolfe & associés is driven by a constant concern to be present and supportive of its clients.**

Its areas of expertise span general criminal law, economic criminal law as well as financial criminal law, specifically including:

- Criminal law
- Business criminal law
- Stock market, banking and tax criminal law
- Criminal consumer law
- Health and environmental criminal law
- Criminal labor law
- Comprehensive support for companies and executives, whether accused or victims, in relation to economic and financial offences
- Internal investigations
- E-reputation
- Cybersecurity procedures
- Social networking

#### **Press Law, New Technologies, Communication**

- Defamation and insult proceedings
- Information and communication
- Right of reply and crisis management, press releases
- Image and privacy rights
- Harassment on social networks, online hate

#### **General Business Litigation, Industrial Claims and Insurance, Arbitration**

- Disputes affecting the life and operation of the company
- Shareholder disputes, post-acquisition litigation
- Commercial, distribution, product liability and intellectual property disputes
- Intellectual and industrial property, bankruptcy proceedings, competition law

#### **Labor and Social Security Law**

- Management of individual and collective labor relations
- Audits for compliance, URSSAF control, securing practices, acquisitions or disposals
- Assistance and advice to executives, senior managers and/or corporate officers in the performance of their duties or on termination of these duties
- Assistance and training in health, safety and psycho-social risks
- Management of individual or collective litigation (including TASS)

#### **Development and Results of Business Crime Law Activity**

Lombard Baratelli Astolfe & associés was founded in 1952 and is one of the longest serving law firms in Paris. Its 70 years of existence make it one of the key players in the French legal landscape and have enabled it to develop irreplaceable experience, particularly rich in the fields of general criminal law, business criminal law, health criminal law and all other branches of criminal law.

This expertise extends from the most classic components of the sector (business criminal law, general criminal law, labor criminal law and tax criminal law) to more recent issues, such as e-reputation, social networks, online harassment and hatred, as well as crisis management.

The firm was born of the conviction of its founders, Paul Lombard – a “legend” of the Paris Bar, who passed away in 2017 – and Olivier Baratelli – company partners for 25 years – that their professional practice requires independence, flexibility and responsiveness, and is based on a strong intuitive personae between lawyer and client. With this in mind, Lombard Baratelli Astolfe & associés aims to combine the excellence of business law firms with the proximity of human-scale structures.

Today, the firm assists companies and managers in all their pre-litigation and litigation issues – anticipating and managing crises, as well as defending their interests before the relevant courts. To this end, the firm defends a number of CAC 40 companies and many well-known business leaders, as well as assisting well-known foreign companies and intervening before the French authorities (AMF, ARCOM, Parliamentary Commissions, Cour des Comptes, etc) or European authorities on behalf of these numerous French and foreign companies and their executives (FRG, Kingdom of Morocco, etc).

Moreover, Lombard Baratelli Astolfe & associés is commissioned by several of its clients to conduct effective programs that combat corruption, third-party economic interference in companies, computer fraud, counterfeiting, copyright infringement, trademark infringement, patent infringement as well as design infringement.

The firm has also been a key pro bono partner for the Fondation pour l'Enfance, a non-profit foundation set up in 1976 by Anne-Aymone Giscard d'Estaing to combat all forms of child abuse. In this context, the firm has been involved in more than 300 criminal cases since 2015 (concerning paedophilia, child pornography, corruption of minors, rape of minors and sexual abuse, etc).

In addition, Lombard Baratelli Astolfe & associés works with the Fondation pour l'Enfance to enable the latter to develop its public information initiatives – for example: combating ordinary educational violence, as well as combating access to online pornography.