

HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS STRENGTHENS ITS REAL ESTATE PRACTISE IN PARIS WITH THE RECRUITMENT OF ANNE PETITJEAN

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Firm news

Herbert Smith Freehills, the international law firm, has announced that Anne Petitjean will be joining the firm's real estate team as a partner. Anne Petitjean will work closely with David Lacaze and the real estate team as well as the project and finance teams on the regulatory, environmental, and public law aspects of the practice.

Anne specialises in planning and development law – in particular, in proposed developments of shopping centres and other types of property, including industrial sites, offices, hotels and residential assets. Anne also has considerable experience with the establishment of solar and wind power projects.

She advises both French and foreign investment funds, and institutional investors and developers on acquisitions of real property portfolios investments and project management.

"I am pleased to welcome Anne to the firm as a partner. Her stellar experience in planning and development law provides additional advantages to the Firm both in Paris and globally" says Donald Rowlands, Head of real estate practice - UK and EMEA.

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Anne said: "The Real Estate practice at Herbert Smith Freehills has an excellent reputation worldwide. I am delighted to join this energetic team, contribute to the firm's development and work with the talented and highly regarded lawyers in the Real Estate, Project and Finance teams in Paris."

With the addition of Anne, the Paris Real Estate practice now includes two partners and four associates.

Anne Petitjean

Anne Petitjean, admitted to the Paris Bar, holds a *Licence*, a Masters, and a DEA (pre-doctoral research degree) in public sector law from the University of Poitiers. She also holds a DESS (post-masters professional degree) in administrative and public law litigation from the University of Paris - Panthéon Sorbonne. Anne has more than 15 years' experience in law Firms with a prominent Real Estate practice such as Lefèvre Pelletier and White & Case, where she stayed for 11 years and was promoted to Counsel in 2015.

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