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Bertrand is an experienced projects and corporate lawyer with expertise in Francophone Africa.

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BACKGROUND

Bertrand obtained a Maîtrise in Private Law from the University of Rennes-I (France) in 1990; a Postgraduate Diploma in Business Law (DJCE-DESS) from the University of Rennes-I (France) in 1992; and an LLM in International Business Legal Studies from the University of Exeter in 1991. He was admitted to the Paris Bar in 1992.

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EXPERIENCE

Bertrand has 28 years of experience helping clients on various aspects of their operations and projects in Francophone Africa, mainly in the oil and gas, power and natural resources sectors. He lived and worked in Gabon for two years prior to joining the firm and has an excellent knowledge of Francophone Africa's local and regional legal and regulatory systems, including OHADA and CEMAC, and a strong network of local contacts.

Bertrand is recognised as a leading lawyer for Africa-wide Projects and Energy by Chambers Global, which said in its 2019 edition that sources describe Bertrand as "an excellent lawyer and great on the theory. He's the guy to ask when it gets complex." Bertrand is also ranked by Chambers Global for Gabon General Business Law (Expertise Based Abroad).

Bertrand returned to our Paris office in May 2019 after spending just over two years (October 2016 to December 2018) leading the Francophone Africa practice in our Johannesburg office.

Bertrand is a member of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators and AFDEN (French Association for Energy Law), and a former honorary associate of the Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy at Dundee University. He also lectures regularly at the French School of Mines and at various universities and schools.

He is a native French speaker and speaks English fluently.

Bertrand's experience includes advising:

Oil & Gas:

- BP on its involvement in the Greater Tortue-Ahmeyim LNG development project located on the Mauritania and Senegal maritime border
- Chevron on its interest in the Republic of Congo
- ENI on its interests in the Republic of Congo and Côte d'Ivoire
- Perenco on its interests in Gabon and Côte d'Ivoire

Mining:

- BHP Billiton on its divestments of mining assets in Republic of Guinea and Gabon
- Genmin on its projects in Gabon
- a confidential client in a dispute relating to a mining joint venture in the Democratic Republic of Congo
- AMC on its Koumbia bauxite project in Republic of Guinea