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General Experience

Jacques-Antoine is Country Head of France and manages the Paris Dispute Resolution department. He is a member of the firm's Crime, Fraud and Investigations group.

Jacques-Antoine is a general commercial lawyer, acting mainly for major industrial groups - notably high tech, pharmaceutical companies, automotive suppliers, chemical industries - shareholders of such groups, their insurers or investment funds. His practice covers high level national and cross border disputes in contract law, tort law (product liability) and crisis management. He represents his clients in regulatory matters, transactions, arbitration and disputes involving commercial, corporate and/or liability issues.

Jacques-Antoine has been named *Lawyer of the Year* in Biotechnology and Life Sciences, Litigation, and Product Liability Litigation (Best Lawyers 2018). He is ranked as a Tier 1 – *Leading Individual* in the Legal 500 in Healthcare and Life Sciences category (2018) and is mentioned in the European Council's Life Sciences Industry Report, the Global Counsel 3000 and the Who's Who international edition.

Jacques-Antoine (Star Individual) is unanimously regarded as a leader in Life Sciences. Clients say that he is "very easy to work with" and appreciate his "very good knowledge of this area." Further sources highlight his ability in contentious issues, saying: "He is one of the top attorneys in Paris with regards to life sciences and life sciences disputes" (Chambers & Partners Europe 2018).

Recent Work

- assisting clients facing product liability issues in various sectors such as energy, construction, food and drinks, automotive, pharmaceuticals & medical device
- defending clients facing general commercial pre-litigation, litigation or arbitration claims in sectors as diverse as energy, construction, food and drinks, automotive, real estate, banking, pharmaceuticals & medical device.

Background

Jacques-Antoine graduated from the University of Paris-Sorbonne and the Institute of Judicial Studies. He has been a member of the Paris Bar since 1989 and a member of the French Arbitration Association.

Jacques-Antoine joined Simmons & Simmons in 2002 after spending eight years in the Paris office of a leading international law firm and six years at a national French law firm. He is the head of Dispute Resolution practice group in France.

He publishes articles in French legal journals (Recueil Dalloz, Revue Lamy Droit Civil) and regularly speaks in conferences.