



# **Preventing Criminal Liability of Directors and Corporations in France and Abroad**

Is merely delegating authority enough?







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### Introduction

Criminal liability is the risk that managers fear most when their companies reach a critical size and management can no longer control everything directly.

Companies have a variety of tools at their disposal to manage risk, particularly the risk of criminal liability: establishing procedures, organising internal control mechanisms, internal audits, involving legal departments in regulatory matters, and more recently the implementation of compliance programmes.

In certain legal systems, including France, the delegation of authority denotes both the transfer of decision-making authority (including the right to bind the company) and the concomitant transfer of potential criminal liability arising from such authority.

In France, therefore, the delegation of authority is both a management tool, and a way to allocate the risk of criminal liability - but it does not relieve the corporation of criminal liability altogether.

In large companies, nevertheless, where it is impossible for top management to supervise everything, delegations of authority are strongly recommended – both to empower middle managers and to protect top management.

But what is the situation abroad, where in many cases the top officers of the parent company exercise control over the subsidiaries by also becoming officers of the subsidiaries? Does the delegation of authority have the same protective effect for officers' criminal liability as in France?

What organizational and legal steps can be taken in various countries, to minimize the potential criminal liability of officers, while still ensuring parent company control of subsidiaries?



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#### 09:30 – 09:45 WELCOME AND OPENING OF THE SEMINAR

- Jean-Jacques UETTWILLER, President of the UIA, UGGC Avocats, Paris, France
- Bénédicte QUERENET-HAHN, GGV, Paris, France
- Stéphanie FOUGOU, President of the AFJE, Group General Counsel Vallourec, Paris, France
- Jean-Yves TROCHON, Vice-President of the AFJE and ICC France Competition Commission, Past Senior Vice-President, Lafarge, Paris, France

#### Part 1: Criminal liability of corporations and individuals in France and abroad

### 09:45 – 11:00 WHAT ARE THE RISKS OF CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR CORPORATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS IN

Moderator: • Bénédicte QUERENET-HAHN, GGV, Paris, France

The risk varies according to the type of offence:

- Intentional offence/strict liability
- Information security; fraud; corruption; export control; money laundering; employment; sub-contracting; environment; competition/consumer

- Stephen L. DREYFUSS, UIA President of Honor, Hellring Lindeman Goldstein & Siegal LLP, Newark, NJ, USA
- Sangeeta JHUNJHUNWALA, Khaitan Legal Associates, Bombay, India
- Christine KANG, Junhe, Beijing, China
- Jean-Yves TROCHON, Vice-President of the AFJE and ICC France Competition Commission, Past Senior Vice-President, Lafarge, Paris, France
- Robbert-Jan BOSWIJK, AKD, Amsterdam, Netherlands

11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 12:45 WHO IS AT RISK WITHIN THE COMPANY?

Moderator: • Patricia LOPEZ AUFRANC, Marval, O'Farrell & Mairal, Buenos Aires, Argentina

- 1. Individuals:
  - Directors and officers?
  - Employees?
- 2. The legal entity?
- 3. In what circumstances does criminal liability arise?

- Maria CRONIN, Peters & Peters Solicitors LLP, London, UK
- Sangeeta JHUNJHUNWALA, Khaitan Legal Associates, Bombay,
- Anna WYRZYKOWSKA, WKB Wiercinski, Kwiecinski, Baehr SP.K., Warsaw, Poland
- Frederick T. DAVIS, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, Paris, France

Part 2: Maintaining control over subsidiaries while protecting directors and officers from criminal exposure?

#### 14:00 – 15:15 THE MANAGEMENT/BOARD OF DIRECTORS **OF AN OVERSEAS SUBSIDIARY**

Moderator: • Sonia CORTÉS GARCÍA, Abdón Pedrajas & Molero Abogados y Asesores Tributarios S.L.P, Barcelona, Spain

- Rules and best practices
- What management bodies?
- What powers do managers have? Can they bind the subsidiary alone?
- Which tools can control and limit the powers and authority of managers?
- -Who should be appointed? A representative of the parent company, an operational manager or a third party?
- How should the authority of managers be defined for internal purposes and coordinated with employee job responsabilities?

- Patricia LOPEZ AUFRANC, Marval, O'Farrell & Mairal, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Anne-Céline JEAN, Group Deputy General Counsel, Rexel, Paris,
- Jacqueline SCOTT, Fortney & Scott LLC, Washington, DC, USA
- Michael BRAUCH, SKW Schwarz, Munich, Germany

## Thursday April 21

15:15 – 16:00 HOW TO PROTECT DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND CORPORATIONS FROM CRIMINAL LIABILITY ARISING FROM EMPLOYEE MISCONDUCT OR NEGLIGENCE? (PART I)

Moderator: • Federico TORZO, Studio Legale Macchi Di Cellere Gangemi, Milan, Italy

- Effects of delegations of authority: transfer of authority to make decisions and of potential criminal liability arising from such authority?
- Conditions of the effectiveness and validity of delegations of authority?
- Are delegations of authority sufficient?

#### Speakers:

- William FEUGERE, Feugère Avocats, Paris, France
- Michael BRAUCH, SKW Schwarz, Munich, Germany
- Kathleen HEYCOCK, Farrer & Co, London, UK
- Jacqueline SCOTT, Fortney & Scott LLC, Washington, DC, USA

16:00 – 16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30 – 17:45 HOW TO PROTECT DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND CORPORATIONS FROM CRIMINAL LIABILITY ARISING FROM EMPLOYEE MISCONDUCT OR NEGLIGENCE? (PART II)

Moderator: • Jean-Philippe GILLE, Head of legal department, Lactalis, Laval, France

- What other policies established in various countries? What legal and managerial structures can both minimise criminal risk and permit control of subsidiaries? Rules and best practices.
- Do compliance programme preclude criminal liability? If so, under what conditions?

#### Speakers:

- Jean-Marie DUNIAU, Kroll, Paris, France
- Carlos FATÁS MOSQUERA, Aureo Abogados SLP, Barcelona, Spain
- Hannah LAMING, Peters & Peters Solicitors LLP, London, UK
- Samantha DAVIES, Barrister, London, UK
- Jérôme C. ROTH, Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP, San Francisco, CA, USA

17:45 – 18:00 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Moderator: • Stéphane BONIFASSI, Paris, France

#### 18:00 CLOSING COCKTAIL

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Thursday, April 21st, 2016

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