



Litigation boutique

Higher, Better, Melior !

OUR DNA

Anticipating risks, implementing strategies and leading fights

Melior is a niche law firm with the agility of a tightly knit team.

We have pooled our 45 years of experience acquired in major business law firms to offer you a range of services focused on our field of expertise: litigation.

Our core business: preventing risk, resolving complex disputes out of court or in court, to achieve the best possible result.

Businesses, managers and family offices: we are at your side for high quality, tailor-made advice, without the conflict of interests of large business law firms and without unnecessary costs. Where necessary, we can call on our trusted partners in France and abroad.

Melior was born in Paris on July 14th, 2022, on Bastille Day. Our roots are in France, our history is being written internationally.



Always striving for the best

OUR TEAM



Valérie MORALES
Partner

A lawyer since 1995, Valérie headed the litigation team of an international business law firm for 22 years before founding MELIOR AVOCATS.

Valérie assists French and foreign companies in sensitive or complex commercial or criminal litigation.

She has acquired a solid command of pre-trial investigation measures.

With a 360-degree vision, Valérie ensures that her advice is clear, readable and operational.

Curious by nature, Valérie has an international background. She works in French, English and Spanish and speaks Italian.



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"The whole secret of weapons consists of only two things: to give and not to receive" Molière



Adeline LECLERC
Partner

Adeline has been a lawyer since 2009. She worked in renowned international law firms before founding MELIOR AVOCATS.

Adeline has developed an expertise in unfair competition, poaching and termination of commercial relationships.

Her dual expertise in business litigation and employment law enables her to offer dedicated support to senior executives and corporate officers.

A lifelong Anglophile, Adeline has lived in London. She works in French and English.



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"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." Benjamin Franklin

OUR EXPERTISE



Corporate litigation

Preventing and managing shareholder disputes, financial litigation, risk assessment audits



Contracts

Unfair or abusive commercial practices, product risks, commercial leases, contractual or property disputes. Protective measures and pre-trial investigations.



Employment Law

Advising and defending employers and executives, from recruitment to termination.



White collar crime

Anticipating criminal risk and defending executives and companies who are victims or defendants. Carrying out compliance programs and internal investigations in case of alerts or complaints.

In your areas of activity:



Banking & Finance



Retail



Hotels & catering



Advice & services



Automotive



Technology

MELIOR RANKINGS



Melior Avocats : une boutique litigation à vocation internationale

Track record: Melior a ouvert ses portes le 14 juillet 2022. Valérie Morales et Adeline Leclerc, issues de structure de renom, opèrent dans tous les domaines du contentieux des affaires et traitent aussi bien des contentieux haut de bilan, des contentieux commerciaux que des contentieux prud'homaux. Avec une prédilection pour les mesures in futurum, l'équipe intervient à l'occasion de conflits d'actionnaires. En matière pénale, sa maîtrise technique des procédures de saisie et de leur contestation constitue un atout indispensable.

Team & differentiation: Faisant preuve d'une rigueur sans failles et parlant couramment anglais, Valérie Morales et Adeline Leclerc accompagnent une clientèle à la fois française et étrangère à laquelle la boutique spécialisée en contentieux des affaires offre une prestation sur mesure et d'une qualité remarquable.

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Pratique Réputée

CONTENTIEUX &
ARBITRAGE

Contentieux commercial

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MELIOR IN THE NEWS



Melior Avocats: a new corporate litigation boutique in the heart of Paris

Posté le 20 oct. 2022

Valérie Morales and Adeline Leclerc have joined forces to open Melior Avocats: a corporate litigation boutique dedicated to providing made-to-measure services to a prestige clientele.



Made-to-measure services for clients looking for more tightly focused representation: this is the value proposition of the French capital's latest corporate-litigation firm, founded recently by Valérie Morales and Adeline Leclerc.

The two forged a strong bond in the five years they worked together at Marvell Avocats from when Adeline Leclerc joined the corporate litigation team, a practice created and run by Valérie Morales since 2005 until earlier this year.

While at their former firm, the pair developed a strong personal and professional relationship, gaining a reputation for rigorous attention to detail and a high degree of commitment. By opening Melior Avocats, the pair hope to unlock their potential to handle stimulating cases and already feel a newfound freedom and joy in doing so.

Striving to be the best

The founders want their firm to make a lasting impression on the French legal scene, which is why they came up with an original name, one which evokes the French word for the best (*le meilleur*), or "striving to be the best," in the words of Morales. And with one eye on their future colleagues, the two women wanted to come up with a name that was at once neutral and dynamic.

And while Valérie and Adeline quickly ruled out using their full family names, the eagle-eyed will have noticed that the name of the firm contains each of their initials. And the symbolism of opening their firm on Bastille Day is not lost on the founders either.

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A firm dedicated to the prevention and successful resolution of corporate litigation, Melior Avocats offers, “a made-to-measure service with the agility to both meet the specific needs of the client and take a big-picture approach,” explained Valérie Morales in an interview the partners gave to Leaders League.

Loyal clientele

“We are delighted that our existing clients have decided to follow us to Melior Avocats,” stated Adeline Leclerc, “and we fully intend to honor the trust they have placed in us.” In order to do this, the duo intends to develop their marquee practices: criminal business law, corporate finance litigation, commercial disputes and business law.

“The objective is not to turn into a full-service firm but, rather, to be a boutique outfit that offers top level service, customized advice and regular follow up,” remarked Morales.

The positive reception Melior Avocats has received since opening its doors on rue de la Castellane, coupled with an increasing volume of work, means that Melior will shortly be adding new members to its legal team.

As the Adeline and Valérie pride themselves on delivering precision services, the partners don’t hesitate to refer their clients to specialists in their network, whose work they know and respect. “Looking further ahead, we want to expand our level of international activity, doing so with partners we trust to bring the same level of service to our clients,” added Leclerc.

Companies, holdings, family offices, clients both old and new, foreign and French... they will all be pampered, according to the founders. For Melior Avocats, it seems, the best is yet to come.

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