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Marc FRILET is the managing partner of the Paris law firm Frilet-Société d'Avocats, a boutique law firm specialising in all kinds of large construction, infrastructure and mining projects in France and internationally, with a particular focus on developing nations, in majority in Africa. He has contributed, directly and as coordinator of multidisciplinary teams to develop some of the most complex and landmark projects in the infrastructure and mining sector.

The firm is also active in general corporate and privatisation. The firm's practice involves the preparation and negotiation of contracts and regulatory arrangements, including contacts and negotiations with governments and multilaterals.

Marc is regularly involved in contract administration claims and alternative dispute resolution in construction and PPP contracts. He represents parties or is called as arbitrator or as expert in international arbitrations. He is often retained by countries and multilaterals for contributing to the draft of laws and regulations (recently in Africa, Middle East, and Far East).

After graduating from the University of Aix-en-Provence, Marc graduated in Political Sciences (public service section) and obtained a postgraduate degree in French Business law (DJCE) before receiving his LLM degree from Mac Gill University (Montreal).

Marc is fluent in English and French. He teaches International Investment Law at University Paris Descartes and mining laws at l'Ecole des Mines. He is the former co-chair of Committee T (International construction project of IBA) and former Council member of the IBA. He is honorary Chairman of the international division of the ACE (the leading French business lawyer's association).

He is also Vice-president of the French Institute of International Legal Experts (IFEJI), member of the board of the African Law Institute, French representative of the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (DRBF) and Fellow of the American College of Construction Lawyers (ACCL),.

For over twenty five years, Marc is heavily involved in international exchanges' aiming at facilitating the convergence between Civil Law and Common Law, legal tradition and practices and for better regulation and clients practices around the world.

As such, Marc has been heading several working groups, mainly on the optimization of the regulatory process and practice for better governance (based on a OHADA example), on international procurement, on standard contracts conditions, on public infrastructure service concessions and other types of PPPs. Those groups are multi-sectorial, and include public and private members.

In his capacity of Vice-president of IFEJI, Marc is co-promoter with the Confederation of International Contractors Association (CICA) of the UNECE International Center of Excellence “Policies, Law, and institutions” for Concessions and other PPPs.

Marc has been recently appointed by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) as team leader for the UNECE project to develop standards for zero tolerance for corruption in PPPs. (<http://www.unece.org/ceci-welcome/areas-of-work/public-private-partnerships-ppp/icoeppp.html>)

Marc is the current Chair of the management Committee of the Global Construction Infrastructure and Legal Alliance (Gcila) composed of leading law firms having a recognized track records in complex construction, infrastructure and mining projects. (www.gcila.org).

Marc is regularly quoted as a leading lawyer in international construction practice, Concessions and other PPP, and has received over the years many awards from leading publications.