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BIOGRAPHY

Roland is a partner in the M&A and Corporate Finance group in our Paris office, where he advises French and multinational companies on their domestic and cross-border transactions. He is licensed by the Paris, Brussels and New York bars.

Roland has significant experience in the structuring, negotiation and implementation of M&A and corporate transactions, joint ventures, corporate financing, restructuring schemes, multi-country business reorganization as well as carve-outs and spin-offs. He has led deals for clients active in various business sectors including aerospace & defense, automotive, food & agribusiness other heavy industries, TMT (technology, media and telecom), health care and life sciences. His clients range from large to mid-cap and small enterprises, financial institutions and investment funds.

Roland also has extensive experience in advising clients on commercial contracts, including a variety of supply chain legal issues whether at the drafting, negotiation or implementation stages. He is praised by his US industrial clients for his advice and counsel regarding their French operations. Furthermore, Roland is a regular author of articles on legal issues in the defense industry.

In relation to ESG, Roland is involved in French and EU ESG reporting and due diligence requirements (including the Non-Financial Reporting Directive, Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive/Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive, Sustainable Financial Disclosure Regulation and EU Taxonomy). He regularly advises large US and UK-based corporate clients. Further, he provides ESG training programs to clients, including from a supply/value chain perspective. His team is also engaged in regulatory mapping across the EU, with regular connections with our firm's US, UK and German legal teams.

Roland is listed as "Notable Practitioner" in the Chambers and Partners Crisis & Risk Management Guide: Global-wide: 2025 for ESG Risk (Law Firms).

Roland began his legal career at the global US law firms, Coudert Brothers and Weil Gotshal, before becoming head of the M&A practice at Lefèvre Pelletier & Associés, then managing partner at Morgan Lewis. Before joining BCLP, he spent 7 years at EY Law, as one of the transaction law leaders for Europe West and global lead for Consumer Products & Retail. Roland has also been seconded to Toyota Motor Corporation in Japan in 1996-1997 and led the EY Law US Central desk from Chicago in 1999-2020.

ADMISSIONS

- Brussels
- Paris
- England & Wales (Registered Foreign Lawyer)
- New York

RELATED CAPABILITIES

- M&A & Corporate Finance
- Corporate
- Food & Agribusiness
- Retail & Consumer Products
- Healthcare & Life Sciences

- Energy Transition
- ESG Governance, Compliance and Reporting
- Aerospace & Defense
- Strategic Alternatives & Corporate Reorganization
- Regulation, Compliance & Advisory

EXPERIENCE

Roland has been a legal adviser to:

- Clients in various industry sectors including HCLS on EU ESG mandatory reporting and French foreign investment regulations
- CapVest portfolio companies, Curium Pharma, Glo Healthcare and Calyx in various acquisitions and divestitures in the US, UK and Europe
- a German industrial group in its acquisition of French aircraft seat manufacturer
- a French automotive OEM in its acquisition of UK target
- a French entertainment group in its acquisition of media company
- a French luxury group in its acquisition of food retail chain
- a French family property manager in its recapitalization
- a global international lead adviser in the separation of United Technologies Corporation into 3 separate listed entities (84+ jurisdictions and 630 transactions in 15 months)
- UTC in connection with its acquisition of Goodrich Corporation
- UTC in connection with acquisition of French fire security business
- UTC in its acquisition of Revima (an APU manufacturing business) from EADS
- a US tech group undergoing a corporate reorganization after its acquisition by a French listed company (international lead of over 15 jurisdictions covered)
- a Chinese sovereign investment fund in its acquisition of SGD bottling industrial assets
- a French to US bank in connection with a USD 400M credit facility to listed French movie studio

- Penske Media in connection with acquisition of French business from Condé Nast
- the French MOE and MOD for negotiations surrounding foreign investments in sensitive sectors
- Hamilton Sundstrand in the divestiture of its industrial pumps business
- a US investment fund in its acquisition of nuclear medicine business
- Gentex in connection with its acquisition of UK military helmet business
- Citibank in the safeguard proceedings of Eurotunnel group of entities
- US investment fund in its acquisition of Chemical business from Clariant AG
- aerospace supplier in its contracts with aircraft manufacturer
- Toyota Boshoku in connection with the acquisition of car seat manufacturing plant from Faurecia
- Toyota in connection with car sharing experimentation in Grenoble with EDF
- Toyota Formula 1 team on key supply chain issue with independent French contractor
- Toyota in connection with greenfield manufacturing plant in the North of France (Yaris Valenciennes plant)

RESOURCES

PUBLICATIONS

- Air Cosmos, *Régime des réquisitions, nouvel enjeu pour les acteurs de la défense*, April 2025
- Option Finance, *Industries de défense : un cadre juridique contraint mais propice aux opérations de M&A*, December 2024

RELATED INSIGHTS

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Chambers Crisis & Risk Management Global-wide ESG Risk (Law Firms) 2025

Insights

Mar 04, 2025

EU Commission Omnibus package

The European Commission ("the Commission") has adopted a new package of proposals to simplify European Union ("EU") rules, boost competitiveness, and unlock additional investment capacity. The aim of the first Omnibus package is to address overlapping, unnecessary or disproportionate rules that are creating unnecessary burden for EU businesses. It addresses three crucial pieces of legislation over which both industry and Member States have recently expressed serious concerns: The Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD), (EU) 2022/2464 (CSRD) The Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD) ((EU 2024/1760)) and The EU Taxonomy ((EU) 2020/852). This proposal will reduce the complexity of EU requirements for all businesses, notably SMEs and small mid-caps, focus the regulatory framework on the largest companies which are likely to have a bigger impact on the climate and th...

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EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR): New Timeline and Guidance for Compliance

The EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) imposes strict conditions on operators and traders who intend to place products composed of certain commodities (i.e. cattle, cocoa, coffee, palm oil, rubber, soy and wood) on the EU market. They need to prove that these products do not originate from plot of lands that have been recently deforested or that these products have not contributed to forest degradation. In turn, this requirement obliges operators and traders to conduct very precise supply chain due diligence and to file due diligence statements. The same applies to exports from the EU. The EUDR has been designed and enacted to limit the EU market's impact on global deforestation and to reduce the EU's contribution to greenhouse gases. In recent months, the Commission has been under pressure to postpone the application of the EUDR.

News

Apr 04, 2024

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European distressed real estate – how will it play out this time?

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From green intention to action

Both corporate occupiers and investors are aware of the sustainable real estate imperative, but closing the gap between intention and action is challenging – and expensive. Our study sheds light on an increasing dislocation in the market: 79% of corporate occupiers say that by 2030 the sustainability of a building will be the most important factor in the rental decision-making process for their organization

News

Oct 02, 2023

BCLP advises McWin Capital Partners on the acquisition of a majority stake in the Big Mamma Group

Awards

Apr 20, 2023

BCLP Paris featured in 'Top Law Firms in France' by Le Point magazine

News

Apr 12, 2023

Legal 500 EMEA 2023

BCLP has been ranked in 14 practice areas across 4 jurisdictions in the 2023 edition of The Legal 500 EMEA Guide.