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French and EU antitrust experts open the Paris office of Dutch high-stake litigation boutique bureau Brandeis

Led by a team of experienced French and European antitrust experts, a new office of bureau Brandeis, an Amsterdam-based law boutique specialized in complex litigation, has opened today in Paris.

bureau Brandeis Paris becomes the first European litigation boutique in France focusing on the defence of companies, public entities, and groups of individuals harmed by antitrust infringements, including cartels, abuses of dominance or illegal State Aids.

To obtain justice and redress, antitrust victims usually face very powerful companies in highly complex procedures. bureau Brandeis Paris was created and structured to provide antitrust victims with the opportunity to provide level-playing field litigation against antitrust infringers.

Founding members of bureau Brandeis Paris are seasoned French and EU competition law specialists. They declared: *“We are thrilled to set up this Paris office of bureau Brandeis.*

Thanks to our in-depth expertise gained both as former competition authority and Court officials and as attorneys litigating antitrust cases, we are able to offer first-class representation to all antitrust victims. We are perfectly equipped to act before competition authorities and courts and obtain that an infringement be put to an end; we are also ideally structured to act in complex damages claims actions before commercial and administrative courts.

Our relationship with bureau Brandeis Amsterdam allows us, whenever it is in the best interest of our French and EU clients in pan-European cases, to offer them the option to bring their damages claims before either the French or the Dutch Courts, which are notorious for being very favorable to antitrust victims.

We have set up and rely on a network of outstanding French and European experts in data collection, economics and litigation funding to assist us. We also offer very innovative representation mechanisms and services, to ensure that the damages claims of our clients are managed in the most secure, transparent, effective and efficient way.”

The four founding members of bureau Brandeis Paris have unique and complementary backgrounds in French and European competition law:

- **Marc Barennes** was a senior court advisor (*référéndaire*) with the General Court of the European Union and a legal officer with the European Commission (DG Competition) for 15 years, after starting his antitrust career with a US law firm in Brussels and Paris. He also gained significant experience in private damages actions as a senior executive of an antitrust claims aggregator in the past two years.

- **Sarah Subrémon** is a former Deputy Rapporteur General of the French Competition Authority and a former official with the European Commission (DG Competition) and the English Competition and Markets Authority, where she worked for more than 15 years. She started her career as an antitrust lawyer in Paris. She joins bureau Brandeis Paris from an antitrust claims aggregator where she was also a senior executive.
- **David Reingewirtz** is an antitrust and commercial litigator. After practicing antitrust law in various well-known UK and US law firms in Paris, Brussels and Washington D.C. for 8 years, David was appointed *Secrétaire de la Conférence du stage* in 2008, a prestigious position for French litigators. He then co-founded some independent litigation boutiques where he specialized in representing clients in antitrust, commercial and criminal disputes before the commercial and criminal courts.
- **Philippe Zeller** is an antitrust, regulatory and public litigator. After earning his Ph.D. in public law and lecturing in this field in various law schools, Philippe joined prestigious US and French law firms in Paris where he held Counsel and Partner positions. He specializes in litigating cases before the French independent administrative agencies and Courts.

bureau Brandeis Paris is currently working on bringing a number of individual and collective damages actions for private and public entities before both the French and Dutch Courts in various sectors.

The office is expected to grow very quickly with the arrival of new partners and associates in antitrust. Other fields of high-stake litigation will be added in due course.

Hans Bousie, a founding member of bureau Brandeis Amsterdam and a partner in its antitrust and collective actions department, stated:

“We are thrilled that Marc, Sarah, David and Philippe open a bureau Brandeis office in Paris. They are unique antitrust lawyers and professionals, with whom we share many common values and have a similar vision of the practice of the law, in particular that litigation is a tool to obtain justice. Apart from that, we really like them. We are looking forward to working with them in antitrust cases and in other areas of litigation in the future”.

bureau Brandeis Amsterdam has represented clients from all over the world in high-stake litigation, including numerous public and private antitrust cases, including by bringing damages claims before the Dutch Courts in the famous Air Cargo and Trucks cartel cases. It also leads or participates in several collective pan-European damages actions in the Netherlands, representing the interests of European companies and consumers, such as in the diesel fraud case.

The office of bureau Brandeis Paris is temporarily located in the heart of the Paris business arrondissement. For more information, please visit:

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