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Over the past year the French government has been increasing its efforts towards achieving an ecological transition. The 2014 budget introduced a carbon element to taxation and there are plans to ban the use of non-agricultural pesticides from 2020. With France set to host the United Nations Climate Conference in 2015, environmental matters look set to remain at the top of the agenda. In this hub of activity, we list 18 "outstanding" practitioners who expect a busy year ahead.

Huglo Lepage & Associés once again dominates the environment field with three practitioners listed. **Corinne Lepage** is an "extremely prominent" figure in the market and advises clients on a variety of matters ranging from biotechnology and environmental audits to polluted sites. Founding partner **Christian Huglo** is a "dean of the French bar" and has a wealth of experience in the sector. He is praised for his "immense expertise" in both advisory and contentious matters. The "talented" **Marie Pierre Maitre** is a "firm favourite" among both national and international clients and advises and litigates on issues relating to contaminated sites, soil and waste.

**David Desforges** at Genesis Avocats is "at the top of his game" according to his peers. He is an "expert" on regulatory matters and advises and defends businesses on questions relating to the application of European and international environmental regulations.

At Savin Martinet Associés **Patricia Savin** is a "major player" in the sector and counsels on matters relating to pollution, real estate, nuisances, waste and renewable energy.

**Jacques Asscher** at Bersay & Associés handles issues in the industrial sector and is "well known" for his work in due

diligence and audits. Clients describe him as having a "formidable reputation" and "would not hesitate" to recommend him.

Lefèvre Pelletier et Associés' **Vincent Sol** is a "top tier" practitioner with "impressive knowledge" of French and European environmental law requirements.

**Caroline London** at Otto Associés is a "favourite among clients" for her expertise in waste and air pollution.

At his own firm **Arnaud Gossement** is an "esteemed figure" in the market and provides "fantastic attention to detail" in all matters that he deals with.

Founding partner at Boivin & Associés **Jean-Pierre Boivin** is "highly distinguished" in this area. He advises both French and international companies in the oil, chemical, nuclear, energy and construction sectors.

UGGC Avocats' **Jean-Nicolas Clément** is an "exceptional" lawyer with a wealth of experience in environmental and nuclear law.

At Gide Loyrette Nouel, **Laurent Deruy** specialises in industrial remediation, due diligence, M&A and civil and criminal litigation. He is praised for his "top-notch litigation skills".

**Patrick Thieffry** at his own firm is a "first class" practitioner with extensive experience in negotiating international

transactions. His matters include advising public administration regarding the most polluted contaminated sites in France.

**Françoise Labrousse** is a "great asset" to the Jones Day environmental team and her practice focuses on environmental and health and safety-related issues under French, European and international law. Her recent experience includes representing an African state with regards to the discharge of toxic waste from EU countries.

At King & Spalding, **Joëlle Herschtel** participates in M&A operations for the negotiation of environmental provisions and audits. She is praised for her "quick grasp of complex issues".

**Laurence Lanoy** provides "comprehensive advice" to clients on matters including polluted sites and soils, facilities installations, asbestos and financial guarantees.

At Granrut Avocats, **Christophe Bourdel** is "highly sought after" thanks to his experience and knowledge in the sector. He focuses on industrial environmental matters.

**Philippe None** at Ashurst is an "expert" in environmental issues relating to real estate. Clients praise his "technical abilities" and "strategic approach".