

## Former Jones Day Of Counsel Laurent Assaya joins Vivien & Associés as a partner

As of January 1, 2018, Vivien & Associés strengthens its teams with the arrival of a new partner, Laurent Assaya, bringing to 11 the number of partners of the Paris law firm. Laurent will be in charge of the restructuring and insolvency proceedings department. Grégoire Charlet will also join his team as an associate.

*"We have known and liked Laurent and his work for a long time and his appointment is part of the dynamic growth of our firm and reflects our ability to attract highly qualified profiles in order to meet our clients' expectations, including in distressed M&A"* says Nicolas Vivien, managing partner of Vivien & Associés.

Laurent Assaya is an expert in pre-insolvency proceedings (*mandat ad hoc* and conciliation) and formal insolvency proceedings. Known for his international experience and active in special situations, he is regularly involved in complex restructuring operations in France and abroad. His excellent understanding of the start-up environment and retail and industrial issues led him to develop a strong experience in the restructuring of underperforming businesses.

Laurent Assaya started his career with Gide Loyrette Nouel (1995-1996), before joining Fried Frank Harris Shriver Jacobson (1997-2007). In 2008, he then joined Jones Day as Of Counsel, where he developed his expertise in operational and financial restructurings and in sophisticated litigation strategies for both distressed companies and their shareholders as well as for investors and senior and junior creditors.

Admitted to the Paris Bar (1995), Laurent Assaya graduated from HEC (1992), holds a Master's degree in Business Law and Taxation (University Paris II - 1992) and a DESUP (University Paris II - 1995). Laurent is a member of ARE (Association pour le Retournement des Entreprises).

Laurent Assaya's appointment as a partner and development of this new line of practice within the firm follow the recent creation of the alliance Act Legal which gathers 250 lawyers and advisors in continental Europe, active in the various fields of business law. The reinforcement is part of Vivien & Associés' strategy to implement, in Paris and on the international market, a high quality service in M&A, corporate governance and restructuring.

### **Vivien & Associés**

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The firm was founded in 1999 by lawyers originating from the corporate M&A, tax and labour practices of international law firms.

The intention was to establish a firm of quality service, characterised by responsiveness and independence which aimed at meeting the requirements of a sophisticated international clientele without imposing the inconvenience and sparseness of larger firms.

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