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AUGUST DEBOUZY STRENGTHENS ITS EXPERTISE IN BUSINESS LITIGATION, WITH THE ARRIVAL OF VALÉRIE MUNOZ-PONS.

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Valérie Munoz-Pons's arrival as a counsel acknowledges the further development of a practice of excellence in criminal defence, negotiated justice, investigation and compliance.

Lawyer at the Paris Bar since 2007, Valérie Munoz-Pons assists French and foreign companies and their managers in criminal case law proceedings initiated by the judicial and regulatory authorities. Valérie Munoz-Pons has strong experience in fraud, corruption and money laundering given her intervention in many complex and cross-border cases involving foreign authorities, mainly Anglo-Saxons. Valérie Munoz-Pons is an expert in the conduct of large-scale internal investigations, in the context of simultaneous interventions of several French (AFA, PNF, Autorité de la concurrence, in particular) and foreign (Serious Fraud Office and Department of Justice) regulators.

Valérie Munoz-Pons also assists companies and their managers in the development, implementation and assessment of their compliance programs and in the context of any controls or audits they face.

Valérie has notably assisted Renault with the Ghosn case, Airbus with criminal business law cases and the former DRH group of France Télécom during criminal investigations. Valérie teaches at Sciences Po and the IHEDN.

"August Debouzy is pleased to welcome back Valérie Munoz-Pons who has long worked with Marie Danis and Benjamin van Gaver. Her expertise in business criminal law, international compliance and negotiated justice undoubtedly make her one of the promising talents of the Paris Bar. Her competence is extremely valuable for our clients in the era of increasingly globalised justice" says Mahasti Razavi, Managing Partner.

With the arrival of Valérie Munoz-Pons, August Debouzy strengthens its teams with a leading expert in criminal justice and international compliance issues in a context where its clients face a risk of overexposure to the French and Internationale judicial authorities and regulators. Also, Valérie Munoz-Pons reinforces the group of experts of August Debouzy's litigation department, composed of 20 lawyers, including five partners: Basile Ader, Bernard Cazeneuve, Marie Danis, Astrid Mignon Colombet and Benjamin van Gaver.

"My willingness is to participate in the deployment of a platform of excellence dedicated to business criminal law, negotiated justice and investigations to provide our clients with pragmatic solutions adapted to the new challenges they face. The complete multidisciplinary offer of AUGUST DEBOUZY, a leading French firm, convinced me in the choice to join them", adds Valérie Munoz-Pons.

About Valérie Munoz-Pons

Valérie Munoz-Pons is graduated from HEC Paris and also from the University of Paris II Assas where she obtained a master's degree (Master 2) in international taxation. She worked at August Debouzy from 2007 to 2017 and then joined as a counsel the Parisian office of an American Law firm entirely dedicated to litigation.
