

## Marie Frisch

Partner

Member of the Lyon Bar

**SOULIER & BUNCH**

STRATEGIC LAWYERING

Marie is a specialist corporate lawyer with extensive expertise in mergers and acquisitions. She advises French and international companies and their management on complex M&A and financing transactions (including private equity, fundraising, crowdfunding, and financial structuring) as well as on group reorganizations.

She also has significant experience in corporate governance. In this field, she assists corporate officers, company directors, and shareholders of commercial companies and professional practice companies in designing governance structures tailored to their business models and growth perspectives.

In addition, she regularly advises private clients and family-owned businesses on wealth structuring and transfer, both in France and abroad, always ensuring a climate of trust and confidentiality.

Driven by her strong interest in negotiation and conflict management, Marie trained in mediation and obtained a professional mediator's diploma from the Lyon Center for Mediation and Arbitration (CIMA). She assists clients in mediation and negotiations relating to M&A and complex agreements.

Marie is a frequent contributor to leading legal journals on corporate law and conducts training sessions for corporate officers, company directors, legal practitioners, chartered accountants, and statutory auditors.



### EXPERTISE

MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS

PRIVATE EQUITY

CORPORATE

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

GROUP REORGANIZATIONS

## Representative Matters

### Mergers & Acquisitions / Corporate

Advised a group of salaried managers in the acquisition of a textile manufacturing company, including the creation of a joint acquisition vehicle and the preparation and implementation of a shareholders' agreement

Advised the shareholders of a company on an OBO (owner buy-out)

Advised and assisted several family shareholders in the sale of their shareholdings in a family-owned group operating in France and the United States, including a vendor due diligence

Assisted a UK telecom company with the reorganization of its French subsidiaries (merger, asset transfers, debt restructuring with the French tax authorities and subcontractors)

Advised France's leading waste treatment and recycling company in the acquisition of a company operating in the same industries

Assisted the management of a French company in its acquisition by an Italian investment fund

Assisted a French corporate group in connection with its transfer to another EU Member State

Advised a French Caribbean group on the establishment of a franchise network in French Caribbean, including group structuring

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Assisted in the creation of a photovoltaic power plant, including the structuring of the holding company and the creation of dedicated vehicles

### **Private equity**

Advised two managers of a transportation company in negotiating and implementing an LBO transaction involving the acquisition of an equity stake by a financial investor

Advised several companies on fundraising transactions in the fields of medical innovation, new technologies, business services, and human resources

Assisted with the financial structuring of a company operating in the cryptocurrency industry

### **Gouvernance**

Advised professional practice companies (medical practices, dental clinics, architecture firms, law firms) on governance arrangements and capital structuring

Structured the governance of a French buying group of independent distributors and the relationship between its board of directors and member companies

Advised corporate officers and company directors on group restructuring to optimize their remuneration

Designed and implemented a shared governance model between management and employees in a company operating in the housing industry

Structured and facilitated the gradual transfer of ownership of a business from its founder to employees

### **Contracts**

Advised the corporate officers and company directors of a French buying group of independent distributors in the construction industry in creating a procurement and logistics platform

Drafted and negotiated international commercial and partnership agreements

## **Background**

- Bunch, Partner, M&A and Corporate Department, 2023-2025
- Frisch Avocats, Founding Partner, 2021-2023
- Michel Laval et Associés, Paris, Associate, 2017-2021
- Solferino Associés, Paris, Associate, 2015-2017
- Bredin Prat, Paris, Business Litigation & Arbitration Department, Trainee-Lawyer and Associate, 2014-2015

## **Main Publications**

- *Réforme du régime des nullités en droit des sociétés*, RLDA No. 217, September 2025
- *Directive Women on Boards*, RLDA No. 215, June 2025
- *La qualité de dirigeants de fait du président et vice-président du conseil de surveillance d'une société par actions simplifiée*, RLDA 7997, No. 204, June 2024
- *Les conséquences juridiques de la méconnaissance par le dirigeant de l'intérêt social*, RLDA 7679, No. 190, March 2023
- *Proposition de loi visant à rééquilibrer les relations entre la grande distribution et ses fournisseurs : la recherche d'un prix juste et éthique*, RLDA 7081, No. 164, November 2020

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- *Statut social du dirigeant : régime, enjeux et préconisations*, Lexbase Hebdo édition sociale, No. 781, Apr. 25, 2019, co-authored with Gabriel Halimi
  - *Loi relative à la protection du secret des affaires : une définition et un régime juridique*, Lexbase Hebdo édition affaires, No. 566, Sept. 27, 2018
  - *Le cautionnement consenti par le gérant de toutes les dettes d'une société s'étend aux dettes de la société absorbée*, Lamy Droit Civil, No. 159, May 2018, co-authored with Michel Laval

### Credentials

- Certified Specialization in Corporate Law, French National Bar Council, 2015
- Lecturer in Contract Practices, National Institute of Applied Sciences (INSA)
- Lecturer on corporate law at the Lyon Bar continuing education program

### Professional Associations

- International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA)
- Franco-British Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- French Association of Business Lawyers (*Avocats Conseils d'Entreprises* (ACE))

### Education

- French Bar Exam (*CAPA*), 2015
- Postgraduate Master's Degree in Business and Tax Law (*DJCE*), University of Lorraine, 2011

### Languages

- French
- English