

CHAZAI+PARTNERS

An Independent Law Firm based in Cameroon

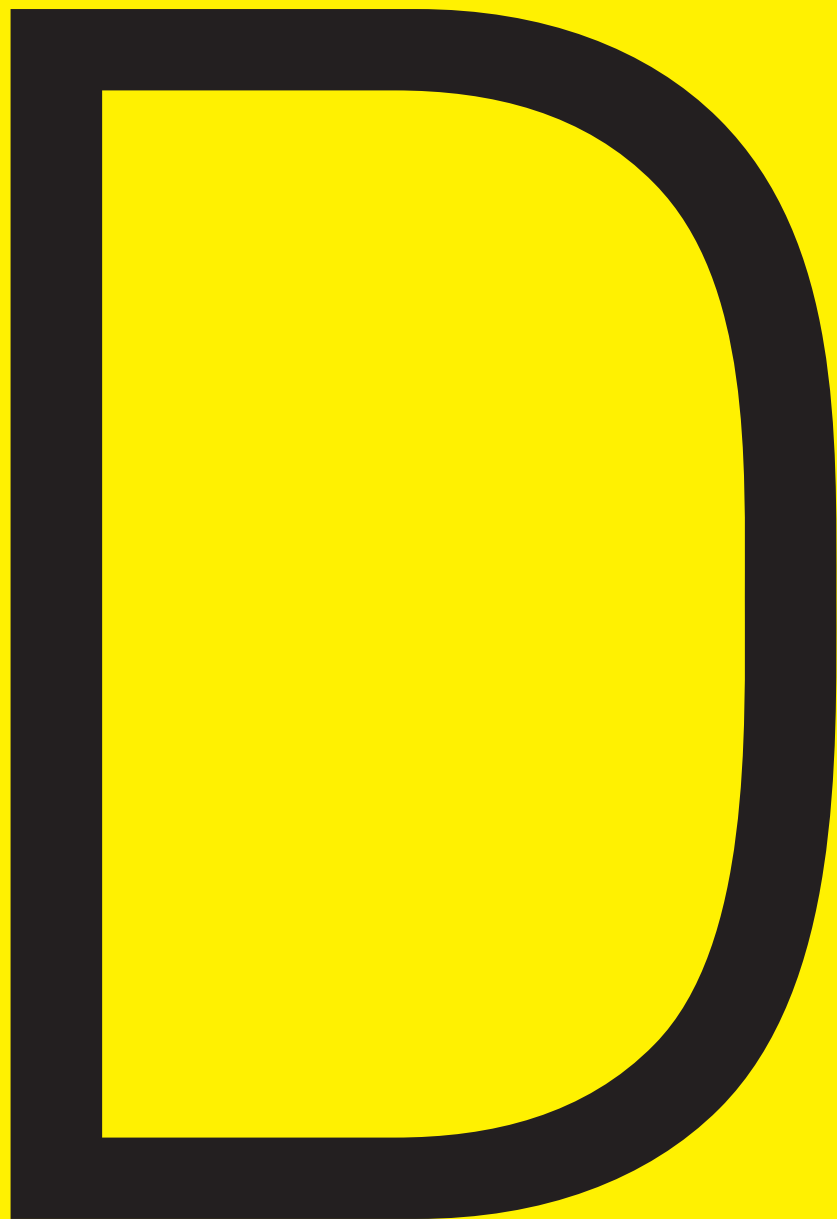


THE FIRM

CHAZAI & PARTNERS is a business law firm that provides innovative, accessible and tailored services. We offer services to local corporates, multinationals, financial institutions, insurance companies, investment funds, public and private institutions, and sovereigns.

CHAZAI & PARTNERS also provides legal and tax advice to start-ups and high-net-worth individuals.

Our high profile lawyers have gained sound expertise in local and international high-profile transactions and litigation matters. The firm was founded in 2017 by Aurélie Chazai, an international lawyer duly admitted to practice in Cameroon and Paris, who has extensive experience on cross-borders corporate transactions. Aurélie has now settled back home in Cameroon with a view to offering comprehensive services to local businesses applying the best international standards and practices to the particulars of projects and transactions completed across Africa.



OUR DNA

Our firm rests on values that define us and our practice:

→ **Excellence:**

We are professional and thorough. We also provide services in English and French.

→ **Integrity:**

We aim to build trustworthy and strong relationships with our clients and ensure that they are fully satisfied throughout the relationship. Our ethical standards are uncompromising.

→ **A Practical Approach:**

We provide bespoke services and always tailor our advice to the applicable socio-economic, environmental and political climate.

→ **Team Spirit:**

We are all qualified lawyers with experience working together, always in the best interest of our clients.



OUR EXPERTISE

Our law firm provides world class law services in Cameroon and across Africa. Our areas of expertise are:

- Companies Law & Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- Banking & Finance
- Insurance
- Capital Markets
- Transports
- Commercial Law & Distribution
- Public Law, Public Procurement & Public-Private Partnerships
- Litigation & Arbitration
- Employment Law
- Restructuring & Insolvency Procedures
- Intellectual Property, Telecommunications, Media & Technologies
- Real Property Law & Real Estate Transactions
- Tax Law

Our team have unparalleled skills and experience in a wide range of legal areas that enable us to provide unique, excellent, strategic and innovative advisory services. We ensure our clients achieve their business objectives.



OUR TARGET SECTORS

We provide advisory services in key sectors with regards to business law.

Our team of experts is well trained and possess the technical know-how in different arena of business law to propose tailored solutions in different business set-ups and industries. This is our key strength.

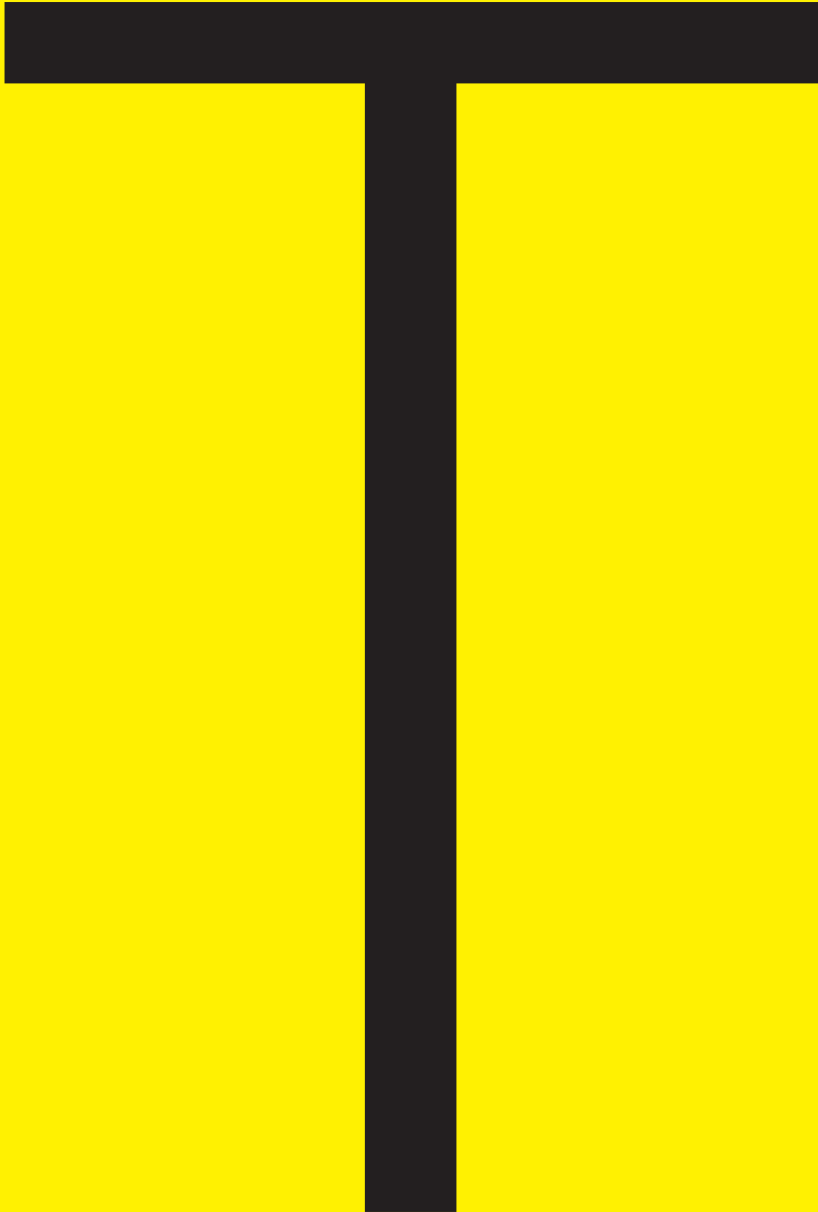
- Banking & Insurance (including microfinance and financial services)
- Telecommunications, Medias & IT
- Distribution & Consumption
- Industries (especially agribusiness)
- Energy & Natural Resources (petrol, mining)
- Infrastructures
- Real Estate
- Aeronautics & airports
- Governments & Public Sector
- Collaborative and digital economy
- Leisure, Tourism & Hospitality
- Health, Pharmaceuticals & Life sciences
- Sports



OUR NETWORK

CHAZAI & PARTNERS is characterised by its strong international footprint combined with a unique approach to legal advisory.

We have developed strategic partnerships with law firms based in West Africa, Europe and United States as well as other leading business stakeholders in finance, strategy, project management, accounting and recovery processes. We aim to provide a global assistance from project planning through financing and execution.



OUR TEAM

Our team is comprised of experienced lawyers who genuinely understand the local background and advise our clients on day-to-day transactions and litigation matters in Cameroon and across Africa.

We offer services consistent with the best international standards and practices.

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Aurélie CHAZAI – Managing Partner

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Aurélie is the founder and managing partner of Chazai & Partners. She is dual qualified lawyer admitted to practice in Cameroon and Paris.

Her practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions, private equity, capital markets, banking and finance, project finance, commercial law, company restructuring and mortgage finance.

Aurélie worked in the Paris office of the English based business law firm Ashurst LLP before joining in 2014 the Paris office of the American law firm Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP. Throughout her career, Aurélie has been exposed to a wide variety of corporate transactions in Europe and Africa especially in countries members of the Organization for the Harmonization of Corporate Law (OHADA) in Africa.

She has in particular intervened in the following transactions:

- The two instalments Eurobond transaction (1.25 billion dollars and 625 million euros) of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and the simultaneous tender offer of existing bonds for an amount of 750 million dollars;
- The negotiation of projects financing (in particular the assistance to an independent power producer regarding the construction of a hydroelectric plan in West Africa);
- The negotiation of mining projects across Africa;
- The bond issuance in the form of Sukuk (150 billion CFAF) of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire listed on the Abidjan regional stock market (BRVM);
- The Eurobond transaction (1.1 billion dollars) of the Republic of Senegal together with a related bridging loan;

- The negotiation of public-private partnership (in particular the financing of the construction work of the Administrative City of Diamniadio in Senegal worth about 100 million euros, and diverse projects in Cameroon, Senegal, Togo, Côte d'Ivoire and Mali);
- The negotiation of acquisition and/or disposal of companies (in particular the taking over of the Lucas Meyer Cosmetics Group by International Flavors & Fragrances Inc., the acquisition of the Winoa Group by KKR, Davidson Kempner and Bennett by LBO France and also the transfer of a branch by a listed French company to an American Group);
- The negotiation of bank financing (in particular the financing of a wind farm in South America, the repurchase of a long term debt of a French group);
- The set-up of a branch of the Segro Group with its joint venture with SELP;
- The restructuring negotiation of a mezzanine financing of Parkeon Group.

Aurélie has also worked at international law firms and companies based in Paris including Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP, Linklaters LLP, CMS Bureau Francis Lefebvre, Ernst & Young and in the capital markets department of AXA Investments Managers.

She has lectured in Banking law at the Cergy Pontoise University in France from 2012 to 2013.

Aurélie graduated from University of Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne where she holds a Master's Degree in Financial Law, a Master's Degree in Business Law and Tax, a Master's Degree in Tax Law and a Bachelor Degree in Private Law. She is fluent in English and French.

She is a member of the African Business Lawyers' Club (ABLC) an association promoting the migration of best practice of business law in Africa. Further, she is a member of the Association of Cameroonian legal professionals based in France promoting investment opportunities to potential investors in France and Europe.



Flora WAMBA – Counsel

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Flora is one of our senior counsel. She is a qualified lawyer admitted to practice in Cameroon and Paris.

Her practice focuses on insurance and transport law, commercial contracts, litigation, arbitration and social contracts.

Flora Wamba has an extensive experience in insurance and commercial law for the Paris based Granrut law firm. She works closely as an advisor in transactional and litigation matters for insurance and reinsurance companies.

- In the context of litigation and arbitration set-up, she advised state-owned insurance companies on rights and responsibilities as well as liabilities in their activities.
- Flora Wamba also audited insurance contracts, addressing compliance issues in the insurance sector.

While exercising her duties, Flora Wamba made several short term assignments in France and Luxemburg. This gave her more insight in Insurance practices across the region with regards to insurance contracts and insurance brokerage.

She worked for Gide Loyrette Nouel law firm and Ernst & Young in Paris, and respectively in the insurance departments of Suez Environnement – Degremont and GMF VIE.

She has organized training sessions for Argus under the theme “protection de la clientèle” and published following articles:

- “Mettre en conformité le traitement des réclamations”, Flora Wamba & Christophe Bourdel, 25 April 2014, L'Argus de l'assurance, Practical case studies.

- “Vers un renforcement de la charge de la preuve de la fausse déclaration du souscripteur” Flora Wamba, private Lexbase weekly edition, n°564 dated 27 March 2014.

- “Souscripteurs de contrats d'assurance-vie : les bonnes pratiques commerciales” Christophe Bourdel & Flora Wamba, 27 March 2013, Le Cercle des Echos.

Flora Wamba holds a double major Master's Degree in Insurance Law and International Business Law from the University of Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne. She holds a Bachelor degree in Private Law from the University of Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne.

She is fluent in both English and French.



Sarada NYA – Counsel

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Sarada Nya is one of our senior counsel. She is a qualified lawyer and is admitted to practice in Cameroon and Paris.

Sarada Nya worked successfully for Courtois Lebel law firm in Paris before joining the English law firm DWF LLP where she is currently specialized in business law. She has extensive experience in merger and acquisitions, restructuring and litigations of companies. Her major achievements are in the merging of three French companies by the Keywords International which is now listed on the London Stock Exchange.

- She is an expert in corporate governance issues, penal code and issues related to business ethics. She has drafted several policies on anti-corruption for Tarkett (a French based company) and many others.
- She has worked on distribution law, intellectual property law, maritime law and new technologies.

Her African experience is mainly on French speaking African countries (countries members of the OHADA law). Sarada Nya worked in a restructuring project of a joint-venture of the Group Tagidor SA.

She worked respectively in the corporate and corporate finance department of the Paris office of the English law firm Pinsent Mason LLP, with Pinot de Villechenon & Associés, a French law firm specialized in private equity, and at the legal department of the Dalkia company, with Alain Afflelou Franchiseur legal department, at the legal department of the Tarkett company and the at the general secretary of Axa Investment Managers.

Sarada Nya holds an LLM in International Commercial Law from the Dundee University in Scotland and a double major Master's Degree in Ethics Law and Law Contracts from the Cergy Pontoise University. She equally holds an Undergraduate Degree in Business Law from Catholic University of Lille – France. She is fluent in both English and French.

She is a member and treasurer of the Association of Cameroon Lawyers in France. She is also a member of the African Business Lawyers' Club (ABLC), an association promoting the migration of best practice of business law in Africa. Sarada Nya is the national president of the French based American association 'Believe In Africa' promoting the economic and social development of Africa.

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