

DELEPORTE WENTZ AVOCAT
An innovative law firm aligning with technology entrepreneurs and companies



Information technology and communication law

**Computer law - Information technology - Media - Internet
E-commerce - Data privacy**

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About the Firm

DELEPORTE WENTZ AVOCAT is a law firm specializing in computer and information technology law, managed by Bénédicte Deleporte, Attorney-at-Law and member of the Paris Bar Association.

Our offices are located in Paris and Singapore.

Our Practice

Advising companies in computer and IT law: technology transactions (hardware and software, services and solutions), internet and e-commerce, IP law and data privacy.

Our Clients

Companies providing IT products, services and solutions as well as any company using information technology.

Our Added-Value

Our in-depth understanding of the IT industry and of the corporate environment; Our daily working relationship with management teams and in-house counsel - for all types of corporate structures : start-up companies, SMEs and large corporations - on innovative and leading-edge projects.

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Practice areas & legal services

Our main areas of practice include the following: computer law, internet law, data privacy, intellectual property, business law

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A few examples of services provided

Computer law	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hardware• Software (development, publishing, distribution), Open Source• Data bases• Enterprise Resource Planning software systems (ERP)• Services (maintenance)• Distribution (VARs, OEM)• Outsourcing (Cloud computing: SaaS, IaaS, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal audit• Contract drafting• Contract negotiation• Contract audit• Legal assistance and support• Project management• Pre-litigation and litigation management
Internet law	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Web sites (intranet & extranet)• Electronic commerce• Electronic communications• Domain names• On-line advertising• Search engines and on-line referencing• Hosting• Document digitalization (invoices, electronic signature, archiving)• Web 2.0• Intellectual property / Copyright• Fight against cybercrime• Liability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Web sites and on-line services legal audits• Web site development contracts• Web site hosting contracts• Content syndication contracts• On-line services user terms• On-line sales contracts• Technology charters - Codes of conduct• Pre-litigation and litigation management
Privacy and data protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal data bases development• Cyber surveillance and privacy• Access controls• Video surveillance• Geolocation• International data transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal assistance on data bases development• Data bases filings with the data commission• GDPR compliance
Intellectual property	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intellectual property• Trademarks• Domain names	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intellectual property rights assignment contracts• Trademark registration (INPI and EUIPO - former OHIM)• Trademark coexistence agreements• Trademark oppositions• Domain name transfers• Legal assistance for out-of-court procedures

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Business law	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contracts• Legal risks analysis and prevention• Corporate data protection (digital security)• Due diligence, including IT• Legal training / Seminars in French and English• Legal assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal audit• Contract drafting• Contract negotiation• Contract audit• Legal assistance and support• Project management• Pre-litigation and litigation management
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Our clients are represented by companies providing technology solutions (hardware, software, networks, internet) as well as companies using technology solutions.

A few examples of legal services provided to our clients

Internet, e-commerce

Drafted contractual documents (user terms and conditions, privacy policies, technology licensing agreements, content licensing agreements, etc.) for companies operating web sites in diverse areas; Legal compliance audits of web sites; Legal advice regarding the implementation of electronic signature in business processes, Legal advice on games, lotteries, and online gaming, Legal advice on online sales of health products; Litigation on conflicts between domain names; etc.

Privacy and Data protection

Researched and advised clients on the issues of cyber-surveillance and on privacy policies, on geolocation, sensitive data treatments, implementation of a biometrics system, outsourcing data in Cloud; Completed data treatment filings with the French data commission (CNIL), including for complex data treatments.

On-line advertising, e-marketing

Researched and advised French and foreign companies on advertising, online marketing and targeted marketing regulations; Legal advice on database development and online marketing campaigns.

Computer law

Drafted several types of computer contracts (IT development, user license, outsourcing agreements, etc.) and supported our clients (software publishers, distributors, users) in contractual negotiations; Drafted and negotiated commercial contracts for Open Source solutions providers; Legal and pre-litigation advice on matters regarding fight against computer fraud and cybercrime.

Intellectual Property and Business law

Legal advice on trademark registration; Drafting and negotiation of commercial contracts (Sales terms and conditions, distribution, licensing); Assistance on debt collection matters; Legal advice on termination of commercial relations; Litigation on unfair competition matters.

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Our clients

Our clients are IT solutions providers and IT users in the following areas:

E-commerce web sites, professional on-line directory, contents aggregator, intermediation platforms (finance, insurance), ToIP, online gaming, mobile apps distribution, online auction web site, social networks, dating websites, online services (teaching, translation), online routing data bases management services, advertising agencies;

Software publishers and distributors, Open Source solution publishers;

Industrial and service companies, associations: glass and packaging industry, consumer appliances manufacturers, consumer goods manufacturers, communication agency ; payment services; Sale of regulated products and services.

Technology startup companies

DELEPORTE WENTZ AVOCAT is a partner of [Essec Ventures](#), the ESSEC Business School incubator. We advise startup companies set up by young innovative entrepreneurs in all areas related to technologies

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Legal Fees

According to the rules of ethics governing the attorney's profession, legal fees are disclosed through a written proposal drafted after an initial communication with the client and a preliminary analysis of the file to define the client's needs. Our proposal is adapted to the client's needs and subject to the client's approval.

We invoice our clients on a monthly basis, unless the file only requires a one-off service.

DELEPORTE WENTZ AVOCAT proposes different billing options, taking into account the types of services to be provided.

Legal fees based on time spent

We bill based on time spent when it is not possible to pre-define the future developments of the file (such as contractual negotiations, or pre-litigation or litigation files).

The fee amount is calculated on the basis of the applicable hourly fee and time spent working on the file.

We may propose a sliding scale pricing for files on time spent spanning over a period of several months and requiring a variable number of hours month over month.

Packaged legal fees

We can provide a packaged fee when, based on our professional experience, we can assess the time necessary to provide the services (such as drafting a given contract, conducting research and formalities for a trademark deposit or a personal data treatment).

Our proposal will identify the services to be provided, the applicable hourly fee and our estimate of total number of hours necessary.

Subscription

For clients with recurring requests (Q&A), we can propose a hot line service, either by telephone or through short written responses to simple questions. This service is proposed as a monthly subscription with either a maximum number of hours or number of simple questions included in the subscription.

A subscription is contracted for a minimum term of three months and invoiced monthly.

Success fee

For litigation files, we may agree to set a success fee. A success fee is an additional payment based on a specific result having been reached (such as a court decision in favor of the client, or the signature of a settlement contract).

Attorneys cannot be paid exclusively with a success fee. The success fee is paid as an addition to fees on time spent or packaged. Success fees must be agreed in writing and set out in the fee proposal.

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Attorneys & Network

Bénédicte DELEPORTE - Profile

Bénédicte Deleporte, founder of the DELEPORTE WENTZ AVOCAT law firm has many years' experience in computer and information technology law, acquired in private practice and as in-house counsel for multi-national companies.

Professional experience

Bénédicte Deleporte started her professional career in 1989 with the Alain Bensoussan law firm, a prominent French firm specialized in IT law. Her responsibilities included counseling businesses, computer contract drafting and negotiating for French and international clients and arbitration.

In 1993, she decided to pursue her career in-house and became the legal director (EMEA) for Network Equipment Technologies (N.E.T.), an American company manufacturing networking equipment. At N.E.T., her activities focused primarily on supporting the products and services distribution strategies in France and in the rest of Europe, including drafting, negotiating and closing contracts for the marketing, sales, distribution, maintenance and support of N.E.T's hardware and software products.

In early 2000, Bénédicte Deleporte joined a team of entrepreneurs in Brussels (Belgium) as General Counsel to assist with the launch of Planet Medica, a pan-European internet start-up company. At Planet Medica, her responsibilities included ensuring the legal compliance of seven web sites across Europe, developing the company's contractual strategy, negotiating contracts with the suppliers and services providers, and coordinating the set up of the headquarters and subsidiaries in six European countries.

In 2001, Bénédicte Deleporte moved back to Paris and joined eBay France as legal director. At eBay her practice focused on web site legal compliance issues (commercial law, consumer law, intellectual property, liability, internet and e-commerce law), privacy/data protection, regulatory affairs and litigation.

She left eBay to establish the DELEPORTE WENTZ AVOCAT law firm in 2007.

Working languages: French, English

Teaching activities

Teaching a post-graduate (Master 2) Computer law course at ESIPÉ (Ecole Supérieure d'Ingénieurs de Paris-Est), formerly ESIAG – School of computer science applied to management, since 2007
Taught a post-graduate (Master 2) IT law course (New Technologies and the Law) – Global e-business Program at Lille I University – Institute of economic sciences and management, 2007-2012

Education

Bénédicte Deleporte holds law degrees from Paris universities (Maîtrise en droit, Paris XI University - Jean Monnet Law School; and DEA en droit économique international, Paris I University - Panthéon Sorbonne Law School) and from the US (Master of Public Affairs, Indiana University - Bloomington; and Master of Laws - LL.M, University of Iowa).

Collaboration with Danièle Véret - Cabinet d'Avocats

We work in close association with Danièle VÉRET - Cabinet d'Avocats. Danièle is a French lawyer who brings an additional array of expertise in the areas of business law, computer law and public law (public tenders for IT services and infrastructures).

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Network

DELEPORTE WENTZ AVOCAT has offices in Paris and Singapore. We also work in close contact with a network of independent attorneys, both in France and abroad who practice in similar and complementary areas and work according to the same philosophy of proximity with our clients, pragmatism, flexibility, responsiveness and cost control.

Our international network of attorneys includes the following countries: England, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, United States (California), China, Hong Kong and Singapore.

These attorneys specialize in the following: IT and business law, corporation law, M&As, tax, criminal law, administrative law, labor law,.

Seminars

Developed and presented the following legal seminars

In house presentation on “Contracts negotiation techniques”, Paris (September 2016)

In house presentation on the new European General Data Privacy Regulation (GDPR) and its impact on the business operations, Paris (September 2016)

Presentation on “E-commerce in South East Asia – Legal & operational considerations”, FCCS, Singapore (January 2016)

Presentation on “Launching your E-commerce web site in South East Asia”, Cercle des entrepreneurs, Singapore (November 2015)”

“Managing your video-surveillance system”, Comundi, Paris (September 2012)

“Managing quality in service contracts”, Comundi, Paris (since 2011)

“On-line purchasing by professional buyers”, Comundi, Paris (May 2011)

Developed and presented a legal seminar on “Specific purchase contracts”, EFE, Paris (December 2007)

Developed and presented a legal seminar on “Mastering the risks of purchase contracts”, EFE, Paris (November 2007)

Participated in a working group organized by Forum des Droits sur l’Internet (FDI) the Internet Law Forum) on commercial relations on the internet between private persons which came up with the publication of a recommendation entitled “On-line commerce between individuals persons” (November 2005) (in French)

Presented on the sale of cultural goods over the internet, Interpol, Lyon (June 2005)

Presented on anti-piracy over the internet, 10th European forum on intellectual property, Paris (March 2005)

Presented to a working group organized by Forum des Droits sur l’Internet (FDI) on Cultural goods which published a legal recommendation entitled “On-line brokerage and cultural goods” (July 2004)

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News and Publications

You will find below an overview of our communication activities: publications, newsletter, participation to professional shows and exhibitions.

Publication

We regularly write and publish articles covering a wide range of IT-related legal issues. These articles may cover legal news, describe a new or upcoming regulation, or comment a recent court decision.

You will find on our website the list of topics on which we have written legal articles. Our latest articles in English can be reached on our [blog](#) and on the [Grande Bibliothèque du Droit](#), a legal digital library developed by the Paris Bar Association.

Newsletter

Our firm issues a quarterly newsletter for our clients and contacts.

Our Information Technologies Newsletter (*La Lettre du Cabinet - Technologies de l'Information*) is usually organized around the following topics: Computer law, Internet law, Privacy and data protection and Intellectual property. It is published in French.

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide information to our clients about the latest developments in IT law, including regulatory news and case law.

You may access the latest issues of the *Lettre du Cabinet - Technologies de l'Information* on [our web site](#).

Communication

We are also regularly contacted to comment on legal issues regarding our areas of expertise. You will find on [our web site](#) an overview of our activities (presentations to professional shows or working groups, participations to round table discussions, interviews, etc.).

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