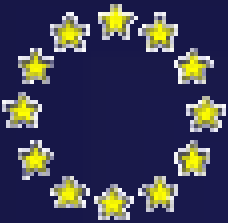


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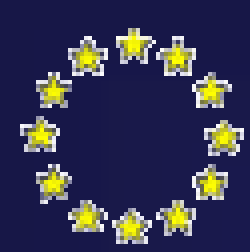




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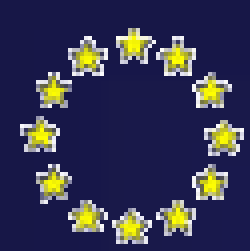
## Distinct qualifications for each stage of legal education

- Legal education starts immediately after high school
- Opportunity for change



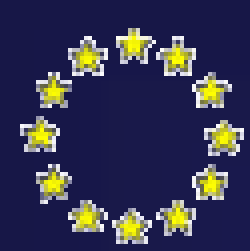
# 1st CYCLE

Diplôme des Études Universitaires Générales  
(*D.E.U.G.*)



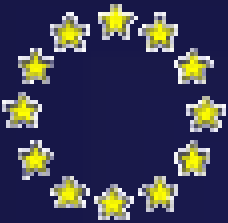
# 2nd CYCLE

- 1st year: *Licence* (public, private, or general)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year: *Maîtrise* (specialization required)



# 3rd CYCLE

- Diplôme d'Études Supérieures Spécialisées  
(*D.E.S.S.*)
- Diplôme d'Études Approfondies  
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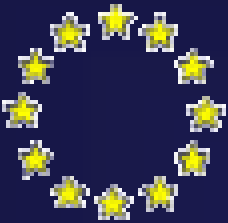
# FULLY QUALIFIED LAWYERS

## •Judicial Studies Institute

- “Bar School Admittance Exam” (*CRFPA*)

## •Bar School

- CAPA Exam and diploma (Practical aspects, pleading, ethics)
- Oath
- Qualified “Trainee” Lawyer for two years



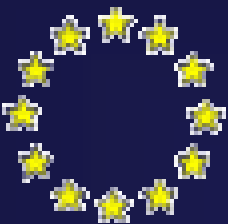
# FRENCH LEGAL MARKET

- **General Practice**

- 35 000 lawyers in France
- 12 000 in Paris
- One third specialize in business law

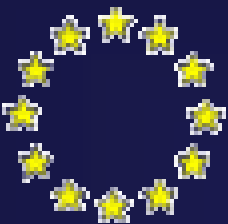
- **Business Practice-International and Local Firms**

- Competition Between French Firms and International firms
- More than 56 international firms
- First Country to welcome international firms
  - ❖ 1879: COUDERT BROTHERS
  - ❖ 1926: WHITE & CASE
  - ❖ 1949: CLEARY GOTTlieb



## 13 of the top 20 firms operating in France

- Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
- Clifford Chance
- Linklaters
- Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton
- Latham & Watkins
- Jones Day
- Shearman & Sterling
- White & Case LLP
- Allen & Overy LLP
- Herbert Smith
- Coudert Frères
- Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP
- Baker & McKenzie
- Bird & Bird



# QUESTIONS?

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