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LEGAL SECURITY OF YOUR INVESTMENTS

Natural Resources

Banking, Finance & Insurance

Energy & Infrastructures

Trade & Industry

Litigation & Arbitration



The Firm

When it comes to investing or realizing interests in Africa, Elite Law Firm remains the consulting firm that many investors and companies rely on for the implementation of their various projects.

For more than 20 years, Elite Law Firm's lawyers have consolidated their position as Africa's leading international lawyers with a proven practice, primarily in business law, litigation and arbitration. Through its lawyers and consultants, Elite Law Firm offers its clients services in accordance with the best international standards, with proven expertise in the sectors of natural resources, energy and infrastructure, investments, trade and industry, banking, finance and insurance as well as family and personal law.

Elite Law Firm's lawyers and consultants come from diverse origins and backgrounds, and practice in many jurisdictions around the world. Through them and in the various jurisdictions of intervention, Elite Law Firm offers professional legal services, including assistance, counseling and representation to a varied clientele composed of private commercial companies, mixed companies, banks and financial institutions,

States and Communities of States including OHADA, WAEMU, CEMAC and SADC.

With a multicultural and multidisciplinary team, modern structures and a large legal database, Elite Law Firm effectively counsels and assists clients (small and medium-sized enterprises, private companies, international firms, government agencies, investors, international financial institutions and international law firms) in several projects in Africa.

Elite Law Firm has offices in the Democratic Republic of Congo (Kinshasa, Lubumbashi and Kolwezi) and will soon open additional offices in Johannesburg (South Africa) and Brazzaville (Republic of Congo). This strategic presence, the result of a development plan implemented as part of its ongoing and continuous efforts to meet the growing needs of its clients, offers a guarantee of proximity, efficiency and proactivity in the management of its clients' interests.

Sectors of activity



NATURAL RESOURCES

The prospecting and exploitation of Africa's natural resources attract more and more international investment. This is leading African states to establish, review and reform legal and regulatory frameworks for mining, petroleum, forestry, agricultural and water resources activities. Elite Law Firm's lawyers and consultants have extensive knowledge and expertise in their respective jurisdictions of practice on legal issues and challenges relating to:

- Mining law
- Hydrocarbon law
- Forestry law
- Agricultural law
- Environmental law
- Water Resources Law



BANKING, FINANCE & INSURANCE

It is an established fact today that the African financial sector is experiencing an exponential development of regional, pan-African and foreign financial groups. Africa is thus a vast market for the financial sector, particularly for banking and insurance, which are subject to constant regulation by States and/or communities of States (CEMAC, WAEMU and SADC).

Elite Law Firm's lawyers and consultants, in their respective fields of expertise, are up to date with the normative production and vigilant as to the changes in the legal and regulatory frameworks of these sectors, in order to provide the best legal support to the actors in these industries in terms of:

- Banking law
- Insurance law
- Foreign exchange regulations





ENERGY & INFRASTRUCTURE

The prospect of a significant increase in foreign investment in Africa is leading African states, individually or collectively, to address their deficit in energy, civil engineering, transport and telecommunications infrastructure. The objective of these countries is to reduce the cost of production and improve their competitiveness, in order to attract the flow of foreign direct investment to the African continent.

New policies and strategies as well as accelerated infrastructure development programs are being materialized through the reform of laws and regulations and the conclusion of public-private partnership contracts. The implementation of these legal instruments raises major legal challenges that require Elite Law Firm's lawyers and consultants, in their areas of expertise,

to follow daily the rapid legislative and regulatory developments and related contractual practices. They are thus in a position, as a result of careful research, to meet the needs of clients, both national and international, in their investment or project financing projects in Africa. In their jurisdictions of practice, Elite Law Firm's lawyers and consultants are actively involved in matters relating to:

- Land and real estate law
- Telecommunications and ICT law
- Electric power law
- Transport law





TRADE & INDUSTRY

Most African states plan to become emerging states within the next two decades. Many of them are in the process of diversifying their economies by moving into manufacturing and tourism. They are regularly organizing and revising their legal, tax and customs frameworks to make them incentive-based and favorable to investment in specific industries and businesses. This abundant and rapid normative production by African states or economic, financial and monetary institutions has an impact on the legal security of business and requires effective legal support for projects and business transactions in Africa.

This is the daily concern of Elite Law Firm's lawyers, juriconsults and consultants who follow very closely, in their jurisdictions of practice, the evolution of legislation, regulations and case laws affecting business law, including the:

- General commercial law
- Company law and EIGs
- Labor law and social security law
- Securities law
- Tax and customs law
- Commercial contracts
- Legal evaluation of projects
- Intellectual property law
- Public procurement law





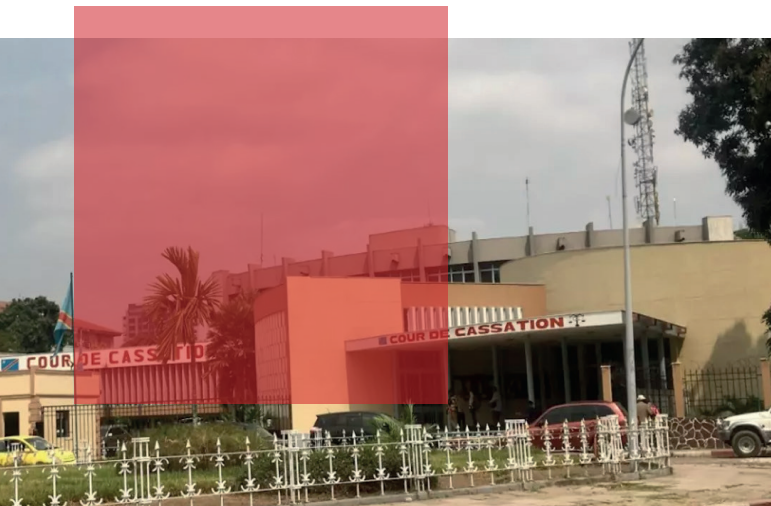
LITIGATION & ARBITRATION

As arbitration has become the norm for the resolution of international disputes, most of Elite Law Firm's lawyers and consultants, in addition to providing legal advice, practice litigation and arbitration in their respective jurisdictions. They have a good reputation in representing clients in the settlement, amicably and/or by judicial means, of disputes or disputes that arise in the contractual framework or in the application of laws and regulations.

Elite Law Firm's lawyers and consultants assist and represent clients in all matters before courts and tribunals, including high courts of justice such as the Courts of Cassation, Councils of State, Constitutional Courts and the Common Court of Justice and Arbitration, "CCJA."

Elite Law Firm's lawyers and consultants also advise and assist clients in drafting arbitration agreements and in representation before domestic and international arbitral courts.

Finally, Elite Law Firm's lawyers and consultants have represented clients before the arbitral courts of the International Court of Arbitration in Paris, the arbitral tribunal and ad hoc committee of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), as well as in arbitrations governed by the arbitration rules of the CCJA.



OUR VISION

Africa is the continent of the next generation, and the Democratic Republic of Congo is the country of the future. They both offer numerous business opportunities. Thus, with its elitist vision, Elite Law Firm works towards the progress and prosperity of its clients and, in turn, the development of the DRC and Africa. This is both a goal and a value that the firm cultivates.

The firm's elitism is based on a better understanding of the law, a synergy of expertise and experience of its members and a permanent follow-up of the evolution of the law.

Elite Law Firm therefore offers its clients from America, Asia, Australia and Europe who are attracted by the business opportunities in Africa and the DRC, the expertise of its Lawyers and their long proven experience in the field in their areas of intervention, to help secure their investments.

Elite Law Firm aims to maintain and sustain its leadership in all areas of practice for its clients.

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