

Estate & Trusts Lawyer of the Year



EMMANUEL JACQUES

FRANCE



ABOUT EMMANUEL JACQUES

Mr. Emmanuel Jacques, managing partner, grew up in Paris, France, where he attended the same private school throughout his childhood and teenage years and graduated with a baccalaureate of sciences and mathematics.

Mr. Jacques studied law at the Paris University of Law and, at the age of 23, became the youngest attorney in France. After graduation, he became the Director of the Cabinet of the CEO at the Paris Chamber of Commerce (2,500 employees). In 1992, he needed to fulfill his military obligation so he resigned from his cabinet post and served as a civil soldier in Mexico, where he helped French companies settle into the country.

After completing his military obligation in 1993, Emmanuel Jacques returned to France and became a junior partner at a law firm in Paris.

In 1995, at age 27, Emmanuel Jacques opened his own practice in Paris, France and later became Of Counsel with a U.S. firm based in Paris' Avenue Montaigne.

As an attorney, Mr. Jacques realized that every decision had financial repercussions and that the impact of those decisions would be felt worldwide, so he began to study Management at HEC Paris, the highest-ranked business school for MBAs in Europe. He later studied International Relations and Diplomacy at CEDS. Soon thereafter, Mr. Jacques returned to HEC Paris to study Corporate Finance. During his studies, he continued to practice law as he ran his own firm. With the traditional education of a lawyer complemented by an executive MBA, a diploma in International Relations, and a Master's Degree in Corporate Finance, as well as 23 years of experience, Mr. Jacques has developed truly exceptional talent as an international attorney.

Through his different honorary duties, Mr. Jacques added an international dimension to his experience. In 1998, he became President of the French-Icelandic Chamber of Commerce. He was re-elected to that post three times and served in that capacity until 2009. At the same time, he became Vice President of the parent organization of the 105 French Chambers of Commerce abroad and one of the special advisers of the French government for trade with the Nordic countries.

When Mr. Jacques discovered Saint Barth in 1993, he fell in love with the island's beauty and decided to return to the island as often as possible. In 1996, he pleaded his first cases regarding Saint Barth and began advising foreign investors. As his clientele began to grow, he opened a second office in Saint Barth in 2005 and later relocated from Paris.

In 2016, Mr. Jacques was named Best in High Value Asset Negotiations – The Americas by Acquisition International magazine. The award is given to commend outstanding work throughout the legal world. He has spoken to many media outlets on investing in Saint Barth, including The New York Times, Le Journal and Private Asset Management.

Most recently, he has helped investors with filing insurance claims after the investors' properties were damaged as a result of Hurricane Irma. He also negotiated the sale of a three-bedroom villa with an ocean view and an excellent location with a pre-hurricane price of \$10.8 million. After the hurricane hit, Mr. Jacques was able to negotiate a \$1.4 million discount in order to complete the sale on behalf of a buyer.

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- Real Estate/Wealth Management
- Corporate Structuring (including the formation of corporations, partnerships, limited partnerships, LLCs and more)
- International Taxation
- Litigation (this includes general commercial and civil litigation, corporate disputes, international dispute resolution, bankruptcy, white-collar crime, and administrative disputes in real estate and taxation)

FIRM PROFILE

For more than 20 years, the Emmanuel Jacques Almosnino Law Firm (EJA) has successfully negotiated the structuring, financing and purchases of estates valued up to \$60 million. The firm is comprised of highly skilled international attorneys involved with tax, financing, real property and wealth management and prides itself on its one-of-a-kind service and skills that allows it to achieve a rare legal concierge oriented practice that caters to the unique needs of international private clients and their legal and financial representatives.

With a very particular knowledge of the law, the attorneys at EJA take great pride in establishing long-lasting relationships with clients and their representatives, and maintaining a work ethic that consists of going above and beyond the usual scope of work to ensure a client's needs are met.

Major international financial institutions and law firms from throughout the world (mainly from Hong Kong, Singapore, Dubai, Tel Aviv, Moscow) and especially from the US (mainly from New York City, Boston, Washington, and Miami) often refer clients to the firm. Such institutions understand that the personalized service and advice, which EJA provides, brings great value to the transactions the firm handles on their behalf and the resolution of many complex situations.

With a team of dedicated and experienced multilingual professionals, EJA is widely accepted as the leading law firm in Saint Barth and one of the top boutique law firms among the world in the field of international wealth management for high net worth international private clients. It is why Acquisition International magazine named EJA the Most Trustful Law Firm.

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