

BETTO PERBEN PRADEL FILHOL

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Martin Pradel heads the international white-collar defence and investigations practice of BETTO PERBEN PRADEL FILHOL. Martin Pradel is a leading figure in his areas of practice and has represented several companies, businessmen, politicians, diplomats and foreign State-Agents, in a wide range of highly sensitive trials. Throughout his career, his cases have had extensive media exposure in the fields of white-collar crime, investigations and human rights.

Martin Pradel has a distinguished record as a Defense lawyer, having worked on some of the most arduous criminal cases involving critical matters, namely terrorism and campaign finance.

Martin Pradel defends his clients against charges of corruption, money laundering, violation of international financial sanctions, misappropriation of public funds or corporate assets, and industrial espionage. He also provides legal advice with regards to Risk mitigation. He acts before French and foreign Courts, pleading in both French and English.

LANGUAGES

French, English

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since 2018	Partner, BETTO PERBEN PRADEL FILHOL (formerly BETTO SERAGLINI)
2008-2012	Independent lawyer
2001 - 2008	Jurist, subsequently Associate, Michel Pradel & Associés

EDUCATION

2005	Paris, Bar Admission
2000-2001	DEA (post-degree), Legal Acts, Faculty of Law of the University of Angers
1996-2000	Maîtrise (degree), Private and Business Law, Faculty of Law of the University of Angers

PROFILE

Member of the National Bar Council

Chairman of the Commission on The exercise of Rights (*l'exercice du Droit*) of the National Bar Council (France) (2021)

Former Member of the Paris Bar Council

Secretary of the Subcommittee on Human Rights, International Commission of the Paris Bar Council

Member of the *Conférence Internationale des Barreaux de Tradition Juridique Commune* (CIB)

Deputy Secretary-General of the CIB (2012-2013)

Member of the *Union Internationale des Avocats* (UIA)

Deputy Director-General of the UIA-IROL (*Union Internationale des Avocats - Institute for the Rule of Law*)

Director for Human Rights and the defence of the Defense, UIA (2013-2018)

Deputy Director for Human Rights and the defence of the Defense, UIA (2012-2013)

Secretary of the Conference (2008)

Member of the Legal Action group, International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)

Member of the Commission for the "exercise of the right", National Council of Bars (CNB, France)

RANKINGS

Décideurs 2019, 2020, 2021: "Excellent" – White-collar crime

Best Lawyers 2020, 2021: Criminal Defense and Human Rights Law

Jeune Afrique: Martin Pradel is named in 2020 top 100 Business Lawyers in Africa

Option Droit et Affaires 2019, 2020: White-collar crime

CREDENTIALS

White-collar crimes

Defended a European businessman, pursued under a European arrest warrant for tax fraud charges and misuse of public funds.

Defended a diplomat, facing charges in France, Belgium and Germany for alleged espionage and terrorism.

Defended a major French industrial group that underwent industrial espionage conducted by a foreign State.

Defended a Saudi businessman allegedly involved in the illicit financing of an electoral campaign, and accused of misappropriation of public funds and bribery of foreign public officials.

Defence of an Ivorian businessman, indicted for his alleged role in cybercrimes involving the United States'

Department of Justice (DOJ).

Defended a banking institution and bank officers charged for breach of trust and infringements of the banking legislation, in the context of the subprime crisis.

Defended the Ethics Officers in the French *Autorité des Marchés Financiers* (AMF) prosecuted regarding the establishment of the Anti-corruption legislation.

Defended insurance agents and brokers facing charges for several breaches to the Fraud and Corruption legislation.

Represented the heirs of a former African President, in their challenge of seizures made to their detriment, in the context of criminal proceedings held against their father's entourage, for misappropriation of public funds.

Advised a former Minister of Finances of a Central African State, facing charges for misappropriation of public funds.

Defended a French businessman sued for misappropriation of corporate assets and illegal practice of a regulated profession.

Represented the French National Council of Bars, acting as a claimant in multiple cases concerning the illegal practice of the Legal Profession.

Represented a French company and members of its Executive Committee prosecuted in France and in the Republic of Congo for misappropriation of public funds, forgery and criminal association, in an arbitration proceeding.

Defended the Chief Executive of a training institute, prosecuted by the DGCCRF for misleading and aggressive commercial practices.

Defended a German company, victim of industrial espionage perpetrated by a competing French company.

Defended a Spanish company suffering from fraud, in the context of the acquisition of a racing vessel.

Defended a Belgian businessman, facing forgery charges.

Defended the Executive Officer of a French Telecommunication company, prosecuted in Africa for misuse of public funds, corporate assets and influence peddling.

Representation of a Cameroonian businessman, who lives in France, regarding numerous complex litigation cases, fraud and misappropriation of funds in the real estate sector in Cameroon.

Criminal prosecution for misappropriation of public funds, misuse of company assets and money laundering activities against the head of a company in the tourism and leisure sector.

Defended a French journalist, detained and prosecuted in Turkey on terrorism-related charges.

Defended a Tunisian businessman, prosecuted in Turkey for allegedly financing terrorism.

Press Law

Defended both victims and defendants in cases of slander, breach of privacy, hate speech or ethnic slurs.

Human Rights

Representation of the families Chebeya and Bazana in a matter of State involving several procedures in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in Senegal and in Belgium.

Defended victims of crimes against humanity in the Republic of Guinea.

Defended lawyers around the world, prosecuted for the mere exercise of the Legal Profession.

Defended women victims of sexual violence in Tunisia.

Defended a blogger prosecuted in Tunisia for broadcasting cartoons representing Prophet Mohammed on the internet.

Judicial Observer during the trials of lawyers and journalists prosecuted by the Tunisian regime, before the Jasmine Revolution.

Special Adviser for the International Federation of Human Rights League (FIDH) in Tunisia, Guinea, Democratic Republic of Congo and Turkey.