

# Freedom of establishment for lawyers to the French Administrative Supreme Court (*Conseil d'État*) and French Supreme Court (*Cour de cassation*): The *Autorité* issues its opinion for the years 2025-2027

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The *Autorité de la concurrence* issues its 5<sup>th</sup> opinion to the government on the freedom of establishment for lawyers to the French Administrative Supreme Court (*Conseil d'État*) and French Supreme Court (*Cour de cassation*) for the period 2025-2027 and recommends the creation of one new office by 2027.

In accordance with Act 2015-990 of 6 August 2015 on Growth, Activity and Equal Economic Opportunities, which provides for a review of the situation at least every two years, the *Autorité* has determined the number of offices that should be created for the period 2025-2027.

The analysis was based on an examination of possible developments in jurisdiction before the high courts, the French Administrative Supreme Court (*Conseil d'État*) and the French Supreme Court (*Cour de cassation*), and of the activity of professionals currently practising. The financial situation of the offices created since 2017 confirms the finding of the previous opinions that the business model of the newly established professionals allowed them to start up successfully, without disrupting the business conditions of the existing offices.

At the end of its examination, in light of the various parameters taken into account and the objectives of the reform, including the gradual increase in the number of offices, the *Autorité* recommended **the creation of one new office of lawyers at the French Administrative Supreme Court (*Conseil d'État*) and French Supreme Court (*Cour de cassation*) by 2027**, which will be added to the

eleven offices already created since 2017, bringing the total number of offices to 72.

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