

Lawyers at the French Administrative Supreme Court (Conseil d'État) and the French Supreme Court (Cour de cassation) – The Autorité de la concurrence launches a public consultation with a view to preparing a new opinion on freedom of establishment

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The *Autorité* is today launching the procedure provided for in Article L. 462-4-2 of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*) with a view to preparing a new opinion on the freedom of establishment of lawyers at the French Administrative Supreme Court (*Conseil d'État*) and the French Supreme Court (*Cour de cassation*) (hereinafter "lawyers at the Courts") and revising its recommendations on the creation of offices.

Following a change in the regulatory framework, the *Autorité* is for the first time issuing recommendations on the creation of new offices for a five-year period (2027-2032).

In addition to lawyers at the Courts (whether self-employed or employed), the *Autorité* would like to encourage associates of lawyers at the Courts and students at IFRAC (specialist training institute that provides professional training for practitioners who are already members of the Bar and wish to join the profession of lawyer at the Courts) to take part in the consultation.

To contribute to the opinion and the associated recommendations, the stakeholders concerned are invited to answer the online questionnaire available via the press release before 5 November 2026.



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