List of Attorneys in the Consular District of Abidjan

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Avocats: Cote d’Ivoire follows the French legal system. The Attorneys listed herein are the equivalent of the French Avocat. They are members of the Cote d’Ivoire Bar Association, unless otherwise specified. An Avocat may render legal advice on all matters, draft agreement and contracts, handle commercial disputes and collection cases, and plead and defend civil and criminal cases before the Ivorian courts to which they are admitted.

Notaries: As part of its French heritage, Cote d’Ivoire has also notaries (notaires in French) who are public officials appointed by the Ministry of Justice. They are not the equivalent to the Notary Public in the United States. They hold law degrees but never plead for a client in court. Their fees are fixed by law. Their functions include the preparation and recording of notarial acts (will, deeds, acts of incorporation, marriage agreements), the administration and settlements of estates (excluding court litigation) and serving as the repository of wills.
Credit Reports: Queries regarding credit and/or financial information on Ivorian firms can be directed to the Economic Section of the American Embassy. Banking facilities in Cote d’Ivoire can also provide credit information. However, the law governing the Bank Secrecy in Cote d’Ivoire requires that clients provide prior written authorization to release information to interested third parties.

Collection Agencies: There are no specific firms or individuals operating as collection agencies in Cote d’Ivoire. Attorneys and Notaries have the capacities and resources to handle collection cases.

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