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William Krisel, counsel in the Paris office, is a French avocat, as well as a member of the New York Bar. Having practiced in France since 1984, Bill has considerable experience in cross-border business transactions raising United States, French and European Union legal issues.

Bill is a general corporate lawyer, with extensive experience in international mergers and acquisitions. He has handled acquisitions and divestitures in Europe for public companies such as *The New York Times Company*, Pacific Dunlop plc, Pitney Bowes Inc., Polo/Ralph Lauren Company and Procter & Gamble Pharmaceuticals Inc. Bill also has represented JP Morgan Capital Corporation and Baker Capital Corporation in numerous venture capital acquisitions in Europe.

Once an acquisition is completed, clients often turn to Bill to act as their outside general counsel for European matters. He has experience in the full life cycle of a foreign-owned business in Europe: joint-venture agreements, patent- and trademark-licensing issues, competition and securities law questions, distribution agreements, regulatory compliance issues, labor law issues, tax problems, corporate reorganizations, asset divestitures and the like. As a result of the impact of European Union law and regulations on international business activity, Bill has developed considerable experience in EU antitrust law.

On the basis of Bill's experience as both a French and American lawyer in Paris, he

is a valuable resource to Proskauer clients in the practical as well as the legal aspects of doing business in Europe.

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#### Practices

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Corporate/Transactional

#### Education

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Harvard Law School, J.D., 1980

*cum laude*

Harvard University, A.B., 1976

*summa cum laude*

Phi Beta Kappa

#### Admissions & Qualifications

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New York

France

#### Languages

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English, French