

## Former EY Law chief Bignon launches consultancy

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Former EY Law global head Patrick Bignon is setting up his own legal management consultancy firm.

Bignon is launching Law Management Consulting, which is based in Paris, in response to a need for independent legal experts in Europe.

From 2002 until March 2004 Bignon was the global head of Ernst & Young's legal network, having been the managing partner of the now-defunct Andersen Legal prior to that.

Bignon said that law firms and in-house legal departments in France are facing new challenges as a result of the Loi sur la Sécurité Financière – the French equivalent of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act – and pressure on costs. The new consultancy will be able to help firms concentrate on strategic and client development.

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