

# THE CIRIC LAW FIRM, PLLC IN NEW YORK & CABINET DTA IN PARIS HAVE BEEN RETAINED TO REPRESENT AN ASSOCIATION OF FRENCH TAXPAYERS IN THE U.S. TO TAKE ON DISCRIMINATORY TAX MEASURES PROMULGATED BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT

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The Ciric Law Firm, PLLC, a law firm based in New York, and the Cabinet DTA, a law firm based in Paris, have been retained as counsel by an association of French taxpayers residing in the United States to take on several discriminatory tax measures recently enacted by the French Government.

The association, “Association FdEif” (which stands for “French expatriates taxable in France”) is registered in North Carolina and is presided by Jean Calvignac, a retired IBM executive.

Since 2017, the French Government passed a number of tax measures creating or worsening the discriminatory tax treatment of French nationals residing in the U.S., notably retirees and the disabled, compared to French nationals residing in the EU or in France. The number of French retirees in the U.S. is reported to exceed 15,000.

*“Due to the enactment of discriminatory and confiscatory tax measures on French expatriates by the French Government, the financial situation of many retirees and disabled is becoming dramatically precarious. Caught in the middle of a worldwide pandemic, they are the most fragile members of society, and hitting them in the purse with such brutality is simply outrageous. The Association FdEif was formed to push back on these policies, including through litigation if necessary,”* said Calvignac.

*“We are grateful to represent Association FdEif in their efforts to fight the incredibly damaging effects of the tax policies adopted by France against their expatriates. Since such measures often conflict with tax treaties between France and the expatriates’ country of residence, the Association’s efforts to bring together experts from different countries should be applauded,”* said Pierre Ciric, managing partner at the Ciric Law Firm, PLLC.

*“We are proud to represent Association FdEif in France and to assist them in their efforts. The increasing complexity of the French tax code makes it necessary for groups like FdEif to get professional advice of the highest caliber to assist expatriates, especially those located outside of the European Union,”* said Denis Baquian, managing partner at Cabinet DTA.

During a long and prestigious career at IBM both in France and in the US, Jean Calvignac led multiple teams involved in the development of processors/switching and networking technology. He has been awarded more than 220 patents in networking and telecommunication fields, and was named an IBM Fellow in 1997, IBM’s highest technical honor.

The Ciric Law Firm, PLLC, located in New York, NY, is a boutique firm specialized in commercial litigation and tax advice services for businesses, nonprofit organizations and individuals, as well as in cultural heritage law.

Cabinet DTA, located in Paris, France, is a boutique firm specialized in French tax matters, with a practice focused on non-resident taxpayers.

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