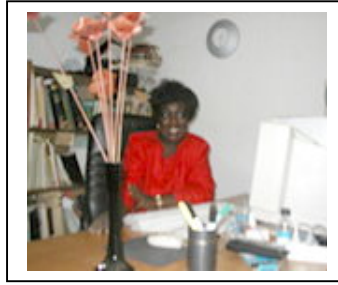




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*Mandessi Bell Law Firm* is a law firm involved in the implementation of various investment and development schemes, alone or in collaboration with other professionals.

This brochure shall give our present and future clients the opportunity to know us better.

It presents the different fields in which we are involved and the range of services we are able to provide as well as some of our past achievements.

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▶ *The fields in which we are involved :*

Investment and development schemes financed locally or by foreign money lenders :

- . in Cameroon
- . and in the Ohada Zone (\*) through our network of lawyers "**Ohada Legis Lawyers**".

▶ *Our clients :*

- . Banks
- . Para-statal companies
- . The private sector
- . International bodies

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(\*) The Ohada Zone is a uniform legal space gathering more than 16 Francophone African countries and other ones.

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## THE RANGE OF OUR SERVICES

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We provide our clients with legal and fiscal advice and assistance in order to enable them to better meet the various requirements in connection with the starting of their business, the consequences of situations occurring in the normal course of their business as well as the one related to the expansion of their activities, and, should the occasion arise, those encountered when it becomes necessary for them to close their business.

### ◇ *Advice and assistance when business starts*

- We help our clients to chose the most appropriate structure with regard to the business they want to be involved in, taking into account the restraints and opportunities of business legal and fiscal environment,
- We ensure the incorporation of our clients' companies, draft the various contractual documents they have to enter into, review and, if need be, modify our clients' conventions with their partners, employees, clients, suppliers etc ..., in compliance with the laws and regulations in force,
- We assist our clients and represent them in the framework of the starting of their activities.

### ◇ *Advice and assistance in the normal course of their activities*

- We advise our clients on the possible solutions to overcome the consequences of situations occurring in the normal course of their activities.
- We draft the contractual documents needed in that connection, including the minutes of company meetings.
- We review, and if need be, modify in the interest of our clients, the contractual documents proposed by their partners etc ... in the framework the company's activities.
- We assist our clients and represent them during the normal course of their activities.

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◇ *Advice and assistance in connection with the expansion of clients' activities*

- We advise our clients on the possible solutions to meet the requirements and overcome the consequences of situations resulting from the expansion of their activities so as to keep under reasonable control the legal and fiscal repercussions related thereto.

- We draft the contractual documents needed in that connection.

- We review, and if need be, modify in the interest of our clients, the contractual documents proposed by their partners etc ... at this stage of the companies' activities.

- We assist our clients and represent them during this expansion phase.

◇ *Follow-up of the pre-contentious and contentious matters resulting from the clients' activities.*

◇ *Legal and fiscal audit.*

◇ *Advice and assistance when it is necessary for the clients to slow down or stop their activities*

- We advise our clients on the possible solutions in the event of decline of business or when it becomes necessary to close the company, so as to keep under reasonable control the legal and fiscal repercussions related thereto, draft the documents required and comply with the various formalities in that connection.

- We assist our clients and represent them during this critical phase.

◇ *Professional Training*

We ensure the training of the clients' employees on the legal environment in the framework of informative and practical seminars and workshops as well as the training of extension staff ...

◇ *Sundry*

The conception of handbooks, booklets, informative and procedural guides, for internal use (for ex. for the employees) or external use (for ex. for the customers).



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## AMONG OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

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### ◇ *Studies and setting up of investment schemes* : Examples :

- *The setting-up of ex Meridien Biao Cameroon Bank.*
- « *Feasibility Study for the setting-up of Lokoundje Palm tree Scheme* » in view of giving a new impetus to investment in this sector. Ministry of agriculture. Yaounde.

### ◇ *Backing up in the field of securities*

*Legal advice to the Cameroonian banking sector in connection with credits on the security granted* : example : ex Paribas Cameroun, CCEI (presently Afriland) Bank, ex Meridien Biao Cameroon Bank.

### ◇ *Restructuring, privatization of companies of the public and parastatal sector, restructuring of economic sectors.*

- *Privatizations* : legal advice and audit in the privatization schemes of Cameroonian agro-industrial companies. Technical Committee for the Rehabilitation of Entreprises of the Public and Parastatal Sector. Yaounde. Privatization of:

- . Ngaoundere Milk Pilot-Scheme
- . Société Camerounaise de Tabac (SCT)
- . Régie Nationale des Chemins de Fer du Cameroun (Regifercam)
- . Société des Hévéas du Cameroun (Hévécam)
- . Société Camerounaise de Palmeraies (Socapalm)
- . Société Camerounaise de Développement du Coton (Sodecoton)
- . Cameroon Sugar Company (Camsuco).

- *Restructuring* : Examples :

- *2nd Urban Development Scheme/Audit of the central services of Land Ministry and of Cameroon land and real estate market.* Land Ministry. Yaounde. Cameroon.

- *Audit of Yaounde Palais des Congrès.* Committee for the Rehabilitation of Entreprises of the Public and Para-statal Sector. Yaounde.

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- **Feasibility Study on the Assistance Scheme for the Agricultural Development of Tobacco in East Cameroon.** Ministry of Agriculture. Yaounde. Cameroon.

◇ *Assistance in the winding-up of companies and Winding-up of companies*

- Assistance in the winding-up of the company Cellulose du Cameroun (Cellucam),
- Winding-up of Meridien Bank Cameroon.

◇ *Assistance in the conception ad implementation of stock option plans for employees*

(Pfizer, Mobil, NCR, Schlumberger ...)

◇ *Legislation audit, advice on the conception of legislation and the reform of legal environment*

. **Nylon Zone Urban Development Scheme/Restructuring of Nylon Zone.** Mission d'Aménagement des Terrains Urbains et Ruraux. Agence de Restructuration de la Zone Nylon (Maetur-Aran). Douala. Cameroon.

. **Study of the Special debt collection scheme in favour of the Cameroonian banking sector when the Treasury's preferential right was extended to commercial banks.** Douala. Cameroon.

. **Audit of the Cameroonian legal system relating to the winding-up of the enterprises of the public and para-statal sector in connection with the Rehabilitation Programme of that Sector.** Committee for the Rehabilitation of the Entreprises of the Public and Para-statal Sector. Yaounde.

. **Assessment of Cameroon legal business environment (bank law) in the framework of the CFA Franc devaluation** and paper on « **The banker's liability in the execution of bank transfers in the framework of the 1994 CFA Franc devaluation** ». French Legal magazine Penant n° 816 Oct-Dec. 1994. Editor : Editions d'Iéna. Ediana. Paris.

- **Study and assessment of Benin Urban Strategy.** Ministry of Environment and Land. Cotonou. Benin.

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◇ *Consultant services in professional training training.*

In the framework of Form'action. Douala. Cameroon. Among the seminars achieved :

- Seminars to the banking sector on the extension of the Treasury's preferential right to the banks (1989).
- Informative Seminars to the business community at large on the new Cameroonian Labour Code (1992).
- Seminars to the business community on new Ohada Debt collection Law on insolvent debtors (1999).





MANAGEMENT

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**Dr Evelyne MANDESSI BELL**

Business Lawyer.  
Consultant.

◇ *Academic profile*

. September 1984. Ph D in Law, with special emphasis on International Trade Law. Law Faculty. Dijon. France. (\*)

. February 1981. Master's degree in company management (CAAE. Institut d'Administration des Entreprises (IAE). University of Paris I. Paris. France.

. 1977 : BA in English . UER des Pays Anglophones. University of Paris III. Sorbonne Nouvelle. Paris. France.

◇ *Special fields of interest* : business law, bank law, land and real estate law, international law of contracts and investment, audit in the legal field.

Senior Consultant in the design and management of seminars and workshops.

◇ *Languages*

French : mother tongue.  
English : read, spoken, written : well.

◇ *Professional membership*

- . Member of the Cameroon Bar Association.
- . Head of Ohada Legis Lawyers and in charge of Ohada Business law Website "Ohada Legis".
- . Member of Paris IAE (Institut d'Administration des Entreprises) Fellowship.

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(\*) thesis on technology transfers in Cameroon entailing a review of the various contractual and financing schemes used in the Cameroonian agro-business and industry in the 70's and 80's.

## ◇ *Among the Publications :*

### - *Among the Books :*

- . Land Law in Cameroon. Theoretical and Practical Aspects. 1985.
- . Case-book of Cameroon Supreme Court in the Field of Tax Suits. Brainee. 1987.
- . Guide on Cameroonian New Legislation on Markets with the Public Sector. Brainee. 1987.
- . Cameroon debt collection law and related preferential rights. Form'action. 1989.
- . *Cameroon new economic legislation analysed (Industrial Free Zone, legislation on investments ...)*. Brainee. 1992.
- . The new Investment Code in Cameroun. Brainee. 1992.
- . The status of the public and para-statal sector in Cameroon. Form'action.1995.
- . How to optimize the handling of your firm's pre-contentious and contentious matters. Ohada Legis 2000.
- . Cameroon new Oil Code. Ohada Legis 2000
- . and participation, within Ohada Legis Lawyers, to "Doing Business in 2004" and "Doing Business in 2005", copublications of the World Bank, The International Finance Corporation and Oxford University Press. 2004 ([http://rru.worldbank.org/doing\\_business](http://rru.worldbank.org/doing_business)).

### - *Among the Papers :*

- . « *Commercial debt collection in Cameroon* » (joint-author) in « *Guide pratique du recouvrement des créances et du renseignement commercial dans les pays ACP* ». Association des Organismes d'Assurance-Crédit à l'Exportation et de Promotion du Commerce Extérieur « Union de Dakar ». 1989.
- . «*The new fiscal incentive scheme in Cameroon 1989-1990 Finance Law in connection with the acquisition of insolvent undertakings*». Panorama n° 1 p. 1-15.
- . « *Foreign investment and Investment Codes. Practices in Cameroon in the field of fiscal investment schemes* ». Panorama n° 2.
- . « *The banker's liability in the execution of bank transfers in the framework of the 1994 CFA Franc devaluation* ». French Legal Magazine Penant n° 816 Oct-Dec. 1994. Editor : Editions d'Iéna. Ediana. Paris.

