



Published on 24 October 2023 by **Thomas Caveng**, Legal Translator / Marketing Director

t.caveng@soulier-avocats.com

Tel.: + 33 (0)4 72 82 20 80

[Read this post online](#)

Debate on freedom of the press and SLAPPs

On October 6, 2023, our counsel [Claire Filliatre](#) took part in the “**Defamation /SLAPPs: How far does freedom of the press go?**” debate at the Press Club of Lyon and its region.

SLAPPs (Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation) are defined as a form of harassment and intimidation used against those involved in “*protecting the public interest*”. Their purpose is to censor, intimidate and silence critics by burdening them with the cost of a legal defense until they abandon their criticism or opposition.

Panelists also included Mrs. Ilana Cicurel Member of the European Parliament, Mr. Jacques Trentesaux, co-founder and managing editor of Médiacités, and Nicolas Barriquand, editor-in-chief of Médiacités Lyon.

For more information on SLAPPs, please read Claire’s article entitled [European Commission’s call for action to combat SLAPPs against journalists and human right defenders](#).

Soulier Avocats is an independent full-service law firm that offers key players in the economic, industrial and financial world comprehensive legal services.

We advise and defend our French and foreign clients on any and all legal and tax issues that may arise in connection with their day-to-day operations, specific transactions and strategic decisions.

Our clients, whatever their size, nationality and business sector, benefit from customized services that are tailored to their specific needs.

For more information, please visit us at www.soulier-avocats.com.

This material has been prepared for informational purposes only and is not intended to be, and should not be construed as, legal advice. The addressee is solely liable for any use of the information contained herein.