

Dear Elisabet,

Thank you. Henning Witte WAS our lawyer until 2004 (or 2006). After that our lawyers are Erik Schmill and Francois Lombrez (also their partner Maxime Cordier) as it has to be a French lawyer to act in French court. Witte and French lawyers have both accused each other of money matters. Witte took some money for himself and did not forward it to the French lawyers. That's why French lawyer Erik Schmill asks for money now. <https://www.societe.com/societe/scp-schmill-lombrez-398574947.html>

Do I understand correctly that no-one from Sweden is interested in what is happening in a French court? If the French lawyers (representing us) do not lodge an appeal before JULY 18 (second instance), the court proceedings are closed and Bureau Veritas and the shipbuilder are released from liability (then they are free). This procedure has lasted for us more than 20 years. How can we give up now?

Is anyone interested in French lawyers involved to go FORWARD (to make an appeal for us to the court)? This is urgent! The complaint should be submitted this week, but an agreement between us and the French lawyers is needed before they act (I sent you their answer with sums they ask and their contacts). ATTENTION: If even one victim asks for an appeal then the French lawyers have to make it.

I am a member of a group that is being informed about the pre-investigation at the Estonian government level. Finland and Sweden have made changes in their laws to allow these new pre-investigations. Underwater filming is currently taking place in July 8-18. You have probably heard it from the news.

What could we do? Please find attached the court decision in French. Here you can see facts, dates and name of the court. We received it from our Ministry of Foreign Affairs representative in France, so not directly from the lawyers. But I wrote and called Erik Schmill and forwarded you his letter where he asks for 50 000 for lodging the appeal. **Do you have any funds left to continue the lawsuit?** In your victims' group? As I wrote, if even one victim asks for the appeal, then Erik Schmill and Co. has to appeal. You can contact him directly. It could be only an email saying that this person is asking lawyers to lodge an appeal and giving commitments referred to the sums. It goes quickly but there has to be someone who is willing to pay later. The lawsuit continues only for those who act now. I know many Estonians who would like to appeal but they don't have money as our average salary is approx. 1400 euros. If we get 100 interested people then for one only pays 500 euros to start and max is 3000.

I copied Erik Schmill's answer below.

What is your phone number? Please could you call me +(372) 50 69 639 asap anytime. This is urgent.

Best regards,
Siiri Same (number in the lawsuit: 848 Siiri Same)

Kontakt Erik SCHMILL (<erik@schmilletlombrez.com>) kirjutas kuupäeval K, 14. juuli 2021 kell 13:53:

For your information we cannot extend the time for lodging an appeal.

We do not need formal mandate but only mail/ letter from persons concerned giving their details, asking us to lodge an appeal and giving commitments referred to my yesterday mail.

Kind regards
Erik schmill