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## **Michel Dobkine**

### **General Secretary of the Havas Group, former general counsel to the Court of Cassation**

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Michel Dobkine has been General Secretary of Havas Group since 2008.

Michel Dobkine is a qualified lawyer and an alumnus of the French National School for the Judiciary (*Ecole nationale de la magistrature*). He began his career as Deputy Public Prosecutor (1983-1986) before being appointed a Magistrate in the central administration of the Ministry of Justice (1987-1992). From 1992 to 1999, he served as Head of Financial, Economic and Social Legislation, then as Deputy Director of Economic and Financial Affairs at the Ministry of Justice.

In 2001, he became Deputy Director at the Ministry of the Budget and Budgetary Reform.

In 2002, Michel Dobkine was appointed Public Prosecutor at the Nîmes Court of Appeal, and in 2005 he became Director of the French National School for the Judiciary. In 2007, he was appointed Cabinet Director of the Ministry of Justice, and the same year became Advocate General at the Court of Cassation (Commercial Chamber) before taking leave in 2008, the year he joined Havas as Secretary General.

Since 2015, Michel Dobkine has been a member of the Council of the Faculty of Law and Political Science at the University of Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense. From 1992 to 1998, he taught civil law at the University of Paris 1 with Professor Catherine Labrusse-Riou. He is a former Associate Professor of the University of Paris X where he also taught a Masters seminar in corporate law litigation.

Michel Dobkine has received France's Legion of Honour (*Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur*), as well as being awarded the French National Order of Merit (*Officier de l'Ordre National du Mérite*) and the Order of Academic Palms (*Officier de l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques*).