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Christel Van den Eynden is a Partner in the Corporate and Finance Practice Group.

She advises international and national clients (listed and non-listed companies) on (cross-border) mergers & acquisitions, and private equity investments, and has built up an extensive practice in project financed transactions, PPP and complex industrial projects, mostly in infrastructure, energy and renewables, and logistics.

Christel advises clients in a wide variety of sectors, including the retail sector and food industry, automotive industry, logistics and port-related activities, the energy and green energy sector, (petro)chemicals, biotechnology and life sciences sector, the financial and payment services sector, the IT and high tech sector, hospitality and entertainment sector. She has particular expertise in cross-border acquisitions and divestitures, joint ventures, and infrastructure projects. She also advises clients on issues of corporate governance, directors' liability and issues of general corporate law.

In addition to her law degree from the University of Antwerp (UA 1987), Christel has a master of arts in international relations from Johns Hopkins University, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (Bologna, Italy, and Washington D.C.), for which she obtained a Fulbright Scholarship. Christel sits on the selection committee of the Fulbright US-Belgium exchange commission awarding scholarships to master degree students in law.

Christel joined Liedekerke Wolters Waelbroeck Kirkpatrick in 1999.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Corporate and M&A
- Finance
- Project Finance
Transaction, Public
Private Partnerships,
Projects

LANGUAGES

- Dutch
- French
- English
- German (read)
- Italian (read)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Board Member, Liedekerke
- Former Lex Mundi Board,
Executive Audit Committees
Member (www.lexmundi.com)
- Chair Emeritus Lex Mundi cross-
border transactions practice group
- Member of Women on Board
(www.womenonboard.be)
- Fullbright Selections Committee for
LL.M Students
- Member of the Brussels bar

RECENT MATTERS

- Assisting a Dutch food wholesale chain in connection with two strategic acquisitions in Belgium in the food sector;
 - Representing a Swedish-listed motor vehicle distribution company when acquiring two Belgian car dealerships established in Flanders;
 - Handling the acquisition of a multi-national software integration company on behalf of Belgium's biggest telecommunications company;
 - Representing a US subsidiary of a Japanese listed company to acquire a distributor of power tools that is based on Belgium and has subsidiaries in 11 countries;
 - Representing an independent music publishing company in the purchase of a Belgian company holding a catalogue of music rights and that is also active via subsidiaries on the French and UK market;
 - Assisting a securities market operator in connection with the Belgian law aspects of the acquisition of a 66% interest in the second largest power market in Europe, offering trading, clearing, settlement and associated services in both intraday and day-ahead physical markets across 14 European countries, notably in the Nordic and Baltic regions;
 - Assisting the Belgian subsidiary of a French listed waste management services company in various cross-border transactions;
 - Advising Belgium's largest telecommunications company when acquiring a French company specialised in real-time traffic information for car navigation systems;
 - Handling the acquisition of a Belgian software development company on behalf of a Dutch ERP software company.
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KEY PUBLICATIONS

- Chapter for Belgium, Corporate & M&A Practice Guide, Chambers & Partners, 2019
- Chapter for Belgium, Mergers & Acquisitions, Global Legal Insights, 2018, 7th Edition;
- Chapter for Belgium, “Practical Law: Doing Business In...Global Guide”, Thomson Reuters, 2019;
- Chapter for Belgium, Public Private Partnership Review, LBR, 2019.
- “Joint Ventures in Belgium” in *Joint Ventures in Europe*, 3rd edition, by M. Mankabady (ed), 2008
- Report on the European company, Lexis Nexis – on line publications, 2007 Lexis Nexis
- Corporate governance in Belgium, Global Corporate Governance Guide – Best Practice in the Boardroom, Consulting ed., 2004

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

- M&A Trends & Insights expert panel, Vlerick Alumni, December 2019
- Breakfast session on ‘Governance under the new company code” for Women on Board, March 2019
- Lex Mundi Institute (August 2016, August 2017, August 2018) – Faculty head of two-day intensive legal workshop destined for junior partners and senior attorneys focusing on legal and financial aspects of mergers & acquisitions.
- “Gender Balance in the Boardroom” (corporate governance seminar for Women on Board members – March 2011.
- “Pitfalls for Dutch Entrepreneurs who want to do business in Belgium” (Lunch meeting – November 2011 – “*Valkuilen voor Nederlanders die in België zaken willen doen*”)

MARKET RECOGNITION

- Christel Van den Eynden is ranked as “*Leading Individuals*” in the practice area of Corporate and M&A – Legal 500, 2020
- Christel is ranked in Band 4 – Chambers Global, 2020
- A client notes that “*She has extensive M&A experience and commercial acumen. She has the ability to clearly articulate key legal risks, cut through the issues and provide solutions.*”- Chambers Global 2020
- A client notes that “*she excels in negotiations, where she really protects client interests,*” and another interviewee values her “*commercial awareness, quick responses and fluent feedback,*” and praises her “*technical knowledge.*” – Chambers Global, 2019 (Band 4)
- Christel Van den Eynden is ranked as Expert - Who’s Who Legal Merger & Acquisition and Who's Who Legal Thought Leaders Global Elite, 2019
- She is ranked as Leading Individual in Corporate and M&A – Legal 500, 2019
- She is ranked in Band 4 – Chambers Global, 2018