



Corporate and M&A

Our team offers trusted advisors who will provide you with **practical and business-wise solutions in all Corporate and M&A matters**, including mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance issues, corporate reorganisations, corporate advice, private equity, joint ventures and corporate litigation.

You can rely on our team, which is one of the largest in Belgium, for all types of transactions from on-going to the most complex business. By combining their expertise and knowledge, our attorneys address your needs in corporate and M&A quickly, whether they arise in Belgium or abroad. For cross-border transactions, we work on a daily basis with top-tier foreign law firms.

OUR CLIENTS

Whether you are a start-up, a small, mid-cap or listed company, we offer the appropriate solution for your business. Besides companies of all types and sizes, we regularly assist government and other public entities and non-profit associations.

OUR APPROACH: YOUR BUSINESS IS OUR BUSINESS

You can rely on our assistance to achieve your business goals. We contribute by acting responsively and professionally, by staffing your projects with talented and passionate attorneys and by identifying and mitigating legal risks.

We believe that delivering pragmatic legal advice requires a **close partnership with our clients** and we are willing to get to know you and become part of your team, for example through secondments, which we offer regularly.

Because decisions regarding Corporate and M&A matters cannot be taken without taking into account other legal aspects, whenever necessary we team up with the various other experts within Liedekerke (tax, environment, employment, real estate).

OUR TEAM

We are **one of the largest Corporate and M&A teams** in the market. The team combines highly specialized expertise with broad knowledge of corporate law and M&A as well as strong experience in litigation relating to corporate and M&A issues.

Our lawyers are fluent in English, French and Dutch. Several members of the Corporate and M&A team also speak German, Italian or Spanish.

Members of our team teach in Belgium and abroad, publish frequently and are regularly called upon to advise on draft legislation. Some are asked to sit as arbitrators or judges.



OUR SERVICES

Mergers and Acquisitions

Our expertise covers all types of negotiated transactions (share deals, asset deals, setting up of joint ventures, corporate reorganizations pre- and post-transaction), whether domestic or cross-border:

- Through all steps of the process, from letter of intent to post-closing assistance;
- Acting for the purchaser; target, seller or financial advisor;
- For all types of legal entities;
- In any type of business sector.

In addition, we handle hostile and friendly take-over bids.

Joint Ventures

We also regularly advise on all aspects of Belgian and cross-border joint ventures and business alliances. Joint ventures are often set up for purposes such as research, technology exchange, licensing, co-production or distribution. Whenever necessary, we collaborate closely with other departments of Liedekerke in order to produce a legal framework that adequately protects our client's position.

Private Equity

We counsel institutional investors, private equity funds and portfolio companies on negotiating and documenting all types of investment (buy outs, minority stakes) and exits and on the management of their portfolios.

Corporate Governance

We regularly assist companies with setting up, reviewing and restructuring their governance structure, from planning a new structure to implementation.

We have in-depth experience with companies that are subject to a specific supervisory regime, such as listed companies, financial institutions, collective investment funds, and government-controlled companies.

Corporate reorganisations

We regularly assist our clients with group reorganizations. We provide practical and tailor-made solutions taking into account not only all legal constraints (corporate, tax, employment, regulatory issues, etc.) but also business needs.

General Corporate Counselling

We assist clients with all general corporate matters, such as setting up companies or branches, advising on (minority) shareholders rights, conflict of interest rules in corporate bodies, personal liability of board members, share capital increases, dividend distributions, corporate housekeeping, etc.

Our assistance includes identifying required corporate actions as well as drafting all necessary documentation, and maintaining relations with notaries, chambers of commerce, etc.

Litigation

Clients frequently consult us about corporate litigation such as shareholders' disputes, enforcement of joint venture agreements, forced purchase of shares etc.

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PARTNERS

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- Jacques Meunier

COUNSEL

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WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT US

Liedekerke "truly understands the Belgian marketplace." Practice head Christel Van den Eynden is 'a great communicator', who 'can be aggressive if necessary'.

Legal 500 - 2017

Christel Van den Eynden is a "very dedicated lawyer who will take her client's hand and lead them all the way to the solution. She also has a natural charm."

Damien Conem is "super dedicated to the client. He has a good mix between technical skills and a commercial mindset. He is a rising star in the market, who really understands clients from a business perspective."

"Without their dedication, expertise and credibility, this project would probably not have happened, so I was delighted."

Chambers Global 2017

Clients extol the firm's service and deal-making abilities: "they understood requirements" and are "very good at turning documents around, advising us and helping us through. Their availability is also extremely good."

Chambers Europe 2017

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