



Information Technology

Our IT practice handles a broad spectrum of contentious and non-contentious IT matters at national and international level. Our lawyers are not only IT law experts but also have a sound commercial and technical understanding of the industry and are uniquely placed to advise companies in this fast-changing sector.

The team works alongside other specialists within the firm in order to provide a seamless service across a range of sectors and practice areas. In addition to our Belgian presence, we work with networks of trusted foreign correspondents for cross-border work.

OUR CLIENTS

Our clients are active in a wide range of sectors, including software development, banking and finance, healthcare, automotive, marketing, media and entertainment, and telecommunications.

OUR APPROACH

We believe that it is vital to understand the business environments and industry sectors in which our clients operate. We have therefore developed **specific sector expertise** within our team. This enables us to offer clear, practical advice from a commercial perspective as well as a legal perspective, to help our clients realise their business goals.

Our lawyers also take a **practical and commercial approach to disputes**, viewing litigation as a means to an end and never as an end in itself. We place importance on the early settlement of disputes through actively encouraging cost-effective alternative dispute resolution whenever possible.

OUR ADVISORY WORK

IT Contracts

We advise on, negotiate and draft a variety of IT contracts for both IT clients and suppliers, and provide specialist support on M&A and corporate transactions involving complex IT issues or cutting-edge technology companies.

Privacy and data protection

Our services cover data protection compliance projects, representation with regard to data protection authorities, devising implementing compliant direct marketing, CRM, data-mining, social networking initiatives and resolving data protection issues arising from corporate and outsourcing projects in general.

Legal IT Documentation Review and Creation

We review and ensure the validity of business models regarding novel technologies, data flows, as well as establish any relevant documentation (terms and conditions), internal company documents, and/or company websites.

E-commerce

Our work covers everything from e-business start-ups, commercial and financial agreements and advice on tax, regulatory and competition issues to user generated content, liability of ISPs, copyright, branding, advertising, banking and payment systems, betting and gaming, consumer protection, and electronic signature or e-invoicing.

OUR CONTENTIOUS SERVICES

We represent clients before the Belgian courts in various proceedings, such as proceedings to defend data protection rights, cease and desist measures, interim injunctions, proceedings with internet service providers regarding illegal activities, the removal of illicit content, and general litigation with respect to contractual or liability issues. We have experience in the production of personal data as evidence in court procedures and in defence of the right to forget. We have also often managed and resolved complex IT disputes. Overall, we have a vast experience in IT and personal data related litigation and alternative dispute settlements.

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