



## Environment

Our environmental law practice is known for its **quality transactional, advisory, and litigation services**.

### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

We advise on, negotiate, and give procedural assistance to clients concerning various subject areas such as waste and soil (management, recycling, remediation, decontamination, transport and transit), permits (environmental permits, soil certification, cease or transfer of activity/industry, environmental liability, carbon markets), and water regulations. We are known for our knowledge, experience, and our collaboration with scientific and technical advisors, especially on complex soil pollution cases, environmental impact assessment files, and product regulatory matters.

Our team is used to assisting clients at every stage of their project development and solving issues. Our services cover advisory and contractual issues, transaction management, due diligence, dispute resolution (in various jurisdictions at EU and national levels), criminal defence, permit application and acquisition, lobbying support, and crisis management.

We work seamlessly and effectively with the firm's other specialists, especially on M&A, construction, and real estate transactions.

### OUR STRENGTHS

#### **Pragmatic, creative, and understanding**

Liedekerke's lawyers apply a pragmatic and creative approach to offering swift, clear, practical, and value-creating solutions. This approach combines profound insight into the different fields of law with a solid understanding of the general social and political environments.

#### **Belgium-wide coverage**

Because of Belgium's institutional system (i.e., environmental matters are split between the federal and regional levels), practitioners need to provide their clients with services that cover every corner of the country. Liedekerke's environmental team is known for its expertise in handling matters in every region in the country, thanks to its cultural diversity and multilingual abilities.

#### **Continuous support throughout the course of each project**

We have solid experience in assisting our clients at every stage of their project.

### OUR CLIENTS

Our clients include environmental and energy utility companies, project developers, real estate retailers, logistics firms, chemical companies and pharmaceutical entities. We also assist private individuals and public authorities.

## OUR SERVICES

Our services cover all types of environmental law issues, focusing on:

### Project development

Assistance at all stages of project development from conception to operation including lobbying and negotiations with the competent authorities.

### Permits

Acquisition, drafting, negotiating, due diligence support, appeals against refusals, renewals, modifications, regularisations, and splitting of environmental and single permits.

### Advisory & litigation

Advice on European as well as Belgian federal and regional regulations (waste and soil management, transport and transit, brownfields, distributors' take-back obligation, water and nature protection, regulation, IPPC compliance, environmental impact assessment, cessation of activities, and soil remediation), and litigation in any of the relevant jurisdictions.

## EXAMPLES OF OUR INVOLVEMENT

- Advising a sectoral fund on all its environmental works relating to the remediation of petrol stations
- Giving global project development assistance in the implementation of new self-assembly furniture stores in Belgium
- Assisting with the set-up of a non-profit organisation for the collection of specific types of waste
- Assisting with the redevelopment of a brownfield project
- Developing an implementation handbook on environmental and single permits (for all Belgian regions)
- Handling litigations regarding waste water taxes and historical soil pollution
- Conducting due diligences (for offshore wind farms, chemical industries, hydroelectric)
- Assisting an administrative authority in a management study on administrative environmental measures

## OUR TEAM

Our team is able to handle matters efficiently at the three Belgian regional levels, at Belgian federal level, as well as at international level. We are known for our tailor-made and up-to-date solutions to all types of environmental law matters.



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## WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US

*'This law firm is known to be one of the best independent law firms in Brussels. Although environmental law is complex, and the issues can be very broad, the team has the knowledge and the experience to understand the different issues. The partner we work with is Dominique Devos. He has broad environmental law experience and he also understands the practical issues very well. He asks the necessary questions in order to gather all the relevant information and understand the scope of the problem. The advice that is given is very well drafted, clear and comprehensive'*

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*One client enthuses that "the main strengths of the team are excellent knowledge, fast reactivity and a highly customer-oriented approach." Others stress that "the lawyers are reliable, pragmatic, efficient, fast and always available and ready to react."*

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