



## Zoning and Planning

### OUR PRACTICE

Our Zoning and Planning practice is **considered amongst the best in Belgium**. The zoning and planning team is substantial within the Liedekerke regulatory practice, providing private and public sector clients with the highest level of advisory and litigation services. We cover all regional entities in Belgium thanks to our **culturally diverse, multilingual team members**.

### OUR CLIENTS

Our clients are Belgian, foreign or multinational corporations or private individuals. Although they operate in a multitude of economic sectors, they all focus on zoning and planning matters.

The team also frequently advises local authorities on local zoning and planning policies.

### OUR APPROACH

Our approach is first to understand and define our clients' objectives. We therefore encourage **direct contact** between our clients and the team.

Our zoning and planning team offers a **no-nonsense approach** with quick, clear, practical solutions to create value for our clients.

The combination of **theoretical excellence and practical knowledge** means our zoning and planning team can advise clients in a cost-efficient way on how to deal with challenges.

### OUR TEAM

Many of our lawyers contribute regularly to professional seminars and publications on zoning and planning.

Our multilingual lawyers have extensive experience of planning and zoning in Belgium's three regions (Flanders, Wallonia and Brussels).

## OUR SERVICES

### Zoning and planning

Zoning and planning includes legal issues relating to environmental impact analyses, nature conservation, safety reporting, identifying competent authorities, and others. Our team has experience of planning infrastructure (railways, motorways, airports, utility lines, and industrial parks), massive structures (football stadiums, train stations, offices, residential properties, hospitals, and prisons) and urban regeneration.

Our team is used to helping planning initiators navigate the procedures as well as helping to oppose initiatives. Because we understand the interests of the concerned parties, we ensure that our clients opt for the most efficient strategies.

### Permit acquisition and allotment

At every stage, our team helps clients obtain building permits and permits for allotment. In practice the team proposes services for projects ranging from individual house building projects and allotments, through industrial constructions to infrastructure projects.

Our team analyses different legal possibilities in order to defend our clients before the competent authorities at every stage of the procedure.

### Expropriation and property rights

Zoning and planning regulations often conflict with landowners' property rights. Our team has experience in issues including expropriation, public servitudes, pre-emptive rights and so on.

### Dispute resolution

Our planning and zoning team has vast experience of dispute resolution (before the Constitutional Court, administrative jurisdictions [i.a. Council of State], civil and criminal courts, etc.).

### Real estate and M&A

Our team often works with Liedekerke's respective real estate and M&A teams in order to determine the risks and opportunities related to zoning and planning.



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## WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US

*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.”*

*Dominique Devos acts for both domestic and international clients on a broad range of environmental matters, including litigation on noise pollution. Clients praise him for being “very hands-on,” adding that “he is very informal and very knowledgeable, giving everyone straightforward advice.”*

*Filip De Preter is praised by one client for his “very strong knowledge of the Flemish permit procedures.” He is well known for acting for investors and developers on the environmental aspects of PPP projects.*

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