



Fraud and White-collar crime

Cases involving **fraud and white-collar crime** are handled by leading lawyers within the firm.

The team focuses on criminal law in the context of business activities. They represent clients in criminal litigation and offer assistance in a wide range of areas such as: insider trading and market abuse, compliance, internal investigations, criminal corporate and tax fraud, negotiation with tax authorities, money laundering and administrative procedures.

OUR CLIENTS

We act for major **Belgian and multinational companies**. We also advice and assist a wide range of SMEs, high profile individuals, non-profit entities and public entities.

OUR TEAM

Our Fraud and white collar-crime team gathers partners from different practice groups within the firm.

One of our Fraud and white-collar partner is amongst the group of 20 attorneys admitted to plead all cases before The Belgian Supreme Court.

Several of our partners also teach at academic institutions or hold leading positions within relevant professional organisations.

OUR SERVICES AND OUR KNOW-HOW

Our fraud and white-collar crime practice has a **broad experience** in, among others, insider trading and market abuse, compliance policies, internal investigations, criminal corporate and tax fraud, negotiation with tax authorities, money laundering, administrative procedures before the FSMA, corporate litigation, bankruptcy offences, auditing regulations, criminal offences against social security and employment legislation.

We are regularly instructed in high-profile criminal tax cases before the Belgian courts, including with respect to allegedly fraudulent tax-optimisation structures often involving foreign holding companies or trusts and official challenges in relation to invoicing.

We are actively **involved in settlement negotiations** with the tax authorities and the public prosecutor's office. Our firm assisted a client in achieving the first-ever settlement with the public prosecutor, on the basis of a newly enacted law.

We advise on the relationship amongst Belgium's general fiscal anti-abuse regime, its relation to tax fraud, and the practical implications for our clients.

We have **special expertise in anti-money-laundering rules**, which are increasingly cited by Belgian prosecutors in tax cases. Several money-laundering cases have been pleaded before the Supreme Court (Cour de cassation/Hof van cassatie), by partner Simone Nudelholc.

We have substantial experience in assisting financial institutions in assessing possible infringements of the Belgian criminal law when offering their financial products or services in Belgium.

We have broad expertise in assisting corporate clients **in filing criminal complaints** and appear before both criminal and labour courts in cases involving fraud by employees in the course of their work. Such cases are often complex since they combine criminal and labour law aspects.

Compliance programmes and policies for companies.

Risk management.



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PARTNERS

- Magda Vandebotermert

WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT US

The fraud and compliance team at Liedekerke Wolters Waelbroeck Kirkpatrick assists with a range of criminal litigation and compliance issues, with particular experience in tax fraud, environmental infringements and anti-money laundering matters. Practice head Magda Vandebotermert handles white-collar crime matters, and criminal issues relating to labour law, social security work, environmental law and construction law.

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