



Public International Law

Liedekerke's Public International Law Practice is the only full-service public international law team in Belgium and one of only a few in Europe.

Our team has considerable experience in all aspects of international law working for a wide range of Belgian and international clients in advisory and litigation work. Our seamless cooperation with other departments in the firm provides **unique multidisciplinary expertise** on the public international law aspects of other legal practices such as enforcement proceedings, tax, environment, corporate and finance.

Our familiarity with clients' needs and capacity to think differently enable us to combine toughness and prudence.

We advise States, international organizations and companies. We represent them before domestic courts in Belgium and abroad, ICSID and UNCITRAL arbitral tribunals and in ICSID annulment proceedings, PCA inter-State arbitration, the ICJ, the ECHR, the UN Human Rights Committee and subsidiary organs of the UN Security Council. We offer them **clear, pragmatic and cost-effective advice**. We give them sound solutions fitting their needs.

OUR CLIENTS

- International organizations
- The Belgian Government and Foreign States in North and South America, Africa and Europe
- Belgian and foreign corporate clients

OUR APPROACH

We listen to our clients and make sure that we understand their needs and anticipate the issues and tailor our services accordingly to achieve the best possible result. Our approach is **pro-active, creative and practical**. If disputes arise and can be resolved through settlement we negotiate or guide our clients through **alternativedispute-resolution processes**. We work seamlessly with the firm's other practices, providing a coordinated approach to each matter.

We share a **strong commitment** to continuously developing and strengthening our public international law practice and knowledge.

OUR TEAM

Our team is valued by clients for its knowledge, experience, flexibility, responsiveness and open communication.

Our lawyers are widely respected in their fields of expertise and regularly invited to speak and publish on emerging international issues in Belgium and abroad.

Our public international law department's team leader is a member of the ICSID Panel of Conciliators and Arbitrators. He teaches at the Free University of Brussels (ULB), lectures as a visiting professor in foreign universities, and is a member of relevant professional organizations.

OUR SERVICES

Our range of services is global. We provide advice, negotiate, draft and litigate. In this respect, we represent our clients before domestic courts in Belgium and abroad, ICSID and UNCITRAL arbitral tribunals and in ICSID annulment proceedings, PCA inter-State arbitration, the ICJ, the ECHR, the UN Human Rights Committee and subsidiary organs of the UN Security Council.

OUR KNOW-HOW

We have particular expertise in the following areas:

General International Law which with its own methodology constitutes the essential framework for interpreting and applying the great diversity of international regulations. Our practice covers all the main areas of public international law: sources and the law of treaties, international legal personality, state succession, state responsibility, armed conflict, territorial and neighbourhood issues, etc.

Litigation in international law, before both domestic courts, international tribunals and other bodies with specific proceedings.

International Investment and Trade, which is central to business strategies. While international organizations such as the WTO, ICSID and the United Nations play an increasingly important role, governments seek to maintain control over business transactions by means of unilateral, and sometimes uncoordinated, measures. The resulting complex regulatory frameworks constitute a major challenge for corporations in need of legal certainty, as well as for institutional stakeholders.

International Organizations, which go far beyond their traditional intergovernmental framework to create direct relationships with corporations and individuals. This results in a significant extension of the organizations' activities, which sometimes calls for adjustment to their institutional and statutory frameworks. For corporations this expansion creates new business opportunities, but also subjects their activities to new modes of control.

Sustainable Development into business strategies, which is a matter of both reducing risk in corporate activity and increasing business opportunities. It requires expertise in international law, combined with a thorough knowledge of the business environment and the goals and policies of other stakeholders, whether governmental or non-governmental.

Human Rights, which have become one of the main yardsticks of the regulation of public and private life. The considerable development of this area over recent years is illustrated by the increasing case loads before international and domestic tribunals. International human rights norms also call for rigorous preventive management by institutions and corporations alike.

GLOBAL PARTNERS

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Nicolas Angelet is appreciated for being "responsive, creative and showing good judgement".

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