



Tax

OUR PRACTICE

The **Liedekerke Tax Group** is recognised as a **leading tax practice** in Belgium, and has been ever since the firm was founded in 1965. For years, it has been listed as “tier one” or “leading” by Chambers, Legal 500, World Tax and other authoritative reviews.

Our Tax Group has **more than 50 years’ experience in** dealing with all aspects of tax law for a broad range of Belgian and international clients in advisory and litigation work.

OUR CLIENTS

Liedekerke’s tax lawyers are the **trusted advisors and tax litigators of choice to major Belgian and multinational companies**. We also advise and assist a wide range of SMEs, high profile individuals, non-profit entities and public entities.

OUR APPROACH

Our approach to even the most complex issues is pro-active, creative, yet practical and sound. We make sure that we understand our clients’ business and objectives, anticipate issues and tailor our services to achieve the best possible results.

Our Tax Group works seamlessly with the firm’s other practices to provide a coordinated approach to any client matter and collaborates closely with lawyers all over the world on the basis of privileged relationships we have built up with law firms outside Belgium.

OUR TEAM

Our Tax Group consists of over 20 lawyers. It is one of the strongest and largest tax practices - if not the largest - within an independent full-service law firm on the Belgian market. It is valued by clients for its knowledge, judgment, experience, flexibility and responsiveness.

Two of our tax partners are members of the group of 20 attorneys admitted to plead all cases before the Belgian Court of Cassation (*Cour de cassation – Hof van Cassatie*).

Our lawyers are widely respected in their fields of expertise and are frequently invited to speak and publish on emerging tax issues in Belgium and abroad. Most of our tax partners teach at academic institutions or hold leading positions within relevant professional organisations.

OUR SERVICES AND KNOW-HOW

We advise, negotiate, apply for tax rulings and litigate.

Our know-how includes:

Business transactions, corporate reorganisations and transfer pricing

We assist in mergers and acquisitions, reorganisations, joint ventures, management buy outs and other public or private transactions and project finance transactions. We also have significant experience in assisting clients with transfer pricing issues relating to intragroup business transactions and corporate reorganisations.

Tax litigation

We have developed a wealth of expertise in tax litigation. We assist our clients in settlement negotiations - including with the Public Prosecutor's Office, and assist them throughout the litigation process: administrative appeals and litigation before the Belgian courts (among which the Court of Cassation and the Constitutional Court) and the European courts, in particular the Court of Justice of the European Union. Our expertise in this area has resulted in a substantial number of landmark decisions.

Real estate transactions

Our specialist Real Estate Tax Group, consisting of the firm's tax and real estate specialists, assists in complex, challenging real estate transactions and developments including investment in REITs, sophisticated real estate financing, property leasing and sale and lease-back deals as well as infrastructure developments.

Capital market transactions, financial products and structured finance

We assist corporate clients and financial institutions in transactions to raise capital, in developing and investing in financial products and in assessing structured finance operations.

Executive compensation and pension plans

Our Employee Benefits Group, consisting of the firm's employee law and tax specialists, assists clients to design and implement alternative payment schemes. We also advise pension funds on tax issues affecting their particular field of operations.

Intellectual property

We provide efficient solutions for developing and exploiting intellectual property rights, relying where needed on the expertise of our IT lawyers, who are amongst the best experts in the field.

VAT

Our specialist VAT Group advises and litigates on the VAT treatment of complex transactions especially in the field of real estate, insurance, financial institutions, public bodies and holding companies.

Estate planning

We have a leading practice in the field of estate planning and we advise high net worth individuals and families on all aspects of wealth and inheritance planning.

Legislative advisory work

We are frequently consulted by public entities and professional organisations in matters of assistance with drafting tax proposals for submission to Belgium's legislature.



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WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT US

Standout lawyer Daniel Garabedian is a "top technical expert" with an excellent reputation for representing major corporations in tax litigation, including excess profit rulings. Sources also highlight his "vast experience in tax litigation and very clear reasoning; he is very respected for his views on tax law."

Liedekerke's Tax lawyers are "top professionals with high technical knowledge - the best choice for valuable technical tax advice." They are "excellent tax partners who are very well noted in the market. It is a large enough team to cover big transactions and they have enough brainpower to develop new visions on tax law. They are very specialised and thorough in what they do."

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