

Fraud & white-collar crime

Dedicated to handling high-profile matters



Laga has a strong team of experienced lawyers, dedicated to handling high-profile matters regarding fraud and white-collar crime. We advise clients on criminal law compliance, closely collaborate with forensic auditors, assist victims of crime to recover their losses, and defend those who are subject to criminal prosecution.

Several of our team members are recommended by Legal 500. We offer assistance in a wide range of matters, such as money laundering lawsuits and fiscal, financial and social investigations. We work for both private and corporate clients such as financial institutions, investment entities, real estate developers, and companies in the distribution, chemical and building sector.

Areas of expertise

Our team advises on all aspects of corporate and financial criminal law, including:

- Advice on general white collar crime
- Advice on specific infringements
- Prevention and compliance
- Criminal litigation

Head of the team Jürgen Egger has published articles on distribution and criminal law, lectured on tort law, and speaks regularly at seminars. He has been an Expert member of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the Commission on Anti-Corruption in Paris for many years.

Partner Johan Speecke is a specialist in tax litigation, including tax fraud and fiscal criminal law. He lectures at

the Fiscale Hogeschool Brussels, has published several articles on this matter and is member of the editorial staff of the "Tijdschrift for Fiscaal Recht".

Team-member Silvia Van Dyck holds a Ph.D in criminal Law at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (2006) and has published numerous articles on corporate criminal law. She was awarded the prestigious Fernand Collin Prize for Law 2008 for her milestone monography on forgery in documents.

At the request of its clients, Laga fraud and white-collar crime team, often works closely together with the forensic section of Deloitte in Belgium, headed by Frank Staelens, president of the Belgian Institute of Forensic Auditors.

For many years, Laga has handled high profile lawsuits in the field of fraud and white collar crime

Credentials

A selection of services rendered

Laga's fraud & white-collar crime team advised and represented:

An important Belgian bank

on implementing internal whistle blower procedures.

A leading transportation company

on the screening of VAT fraud and money laundering by clients and preventing involvement in criminal prosecution.

The shareholders of a company in the building sector

on preventing criminal infringements in a share purchase agreement relating to formerly seized shares.

A private estate bank

on internal compliance procedures regarding preventing and detecting money laundering.

The former CFO of a Belgian bank

in proceedings regarding market abuse.

A tax consultancy firm

in criminal proceedings regarding money laundering, forgery in documents and tax fraud (cash company).

A leading Belgian Notary-office

in criminal proceedings regarding forgery in documents and tax fraud.

The former CEO of an international construction company

in criminal proceedings regarding forgery in documents and corruption.

An investment company owned by the Belgian government

on the protection of the IT-environment and company secrets, and in criminal proceedings regarding internal hacking.

A leading company in the building sector

on its customer loyalty program and in criminal proceedings regarding corruption.

An insurance agent

in criminal proceedings regarding money laundering and shadow banking.



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Laga provides thorough and practical solutions tailored to the needs of clients ranging from multinational companies, national large and medium-sized enterprises, and financial institutions, to government bodies.