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# A top legal practice in Belgium

**Laga offers expert advice in the fields of banking & finance, commercial, corporate/ M&A, employment, IT/IP, public/administrative, insolvency and reorganisations, real estate, tax law and litigation.**

Where appropriate to ensure a seamless and comprehensive highquality service, Laga lawyers work closely with financial, assurance and advisory, tax and consulting specialists, and with select EU and US law firms.

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.

## **Local roots, international reach**

Laga is one of Belgium's leading independent law firms. Our status allows us to work with the best-placed professionals in other jurisdictions on a case-by-case basis. We maintain close working relationships with other leading law firms in most European countries and the largest jurisdictions outside Europe.

Our professionals understand the Anglo-American and European legal cultures and are used to meeting the demands of an international practice. As a result, we can provide our clients with integrated and coherent international legal solutions.

## **Laga's mission**

- We provide clients with professional service of the highest calibre combining technical excellence, commercial judgement and responsiveness.
- We abide by the highest standards of professional and ethical conduct.
- We care about our clients, always seeking to understand and focus on their needs.
- We operate in a team based environment, nurturing a culture of collegiality to the benefit of our clients and professionals.
- We apply our legal and non-legal skills to voluntary work, investing in educational and local community partnerships.

## **A team of top specialists**

Our firm is made up of a team of lawyers specialising in a wide range of disciplines. Several of our professionals are also involved in academia, and some of them hold board positions or are members of professional organisations including the bar council. This unique diversity allows us to be at the forefront of legal and sector developments.

To optimise the efficiency and quality of our services, our teams are composed of the most appropriate mix of senior and junior lawyers. We hire the best law graduates and offer them a robust training programme and on-the-job experience, enabling them to develop outstanding legal capabilities.

## **Integrated service**

The professionals from our various practice areas work together as a team in an integrated manner. Throughout the firm we deliver our services seamlessly and uniformly to high standards.

All our professionals share the same goal: to understand the client's business and objectives, in order to provide the most appropriate legal solutions and help our clients succeed.

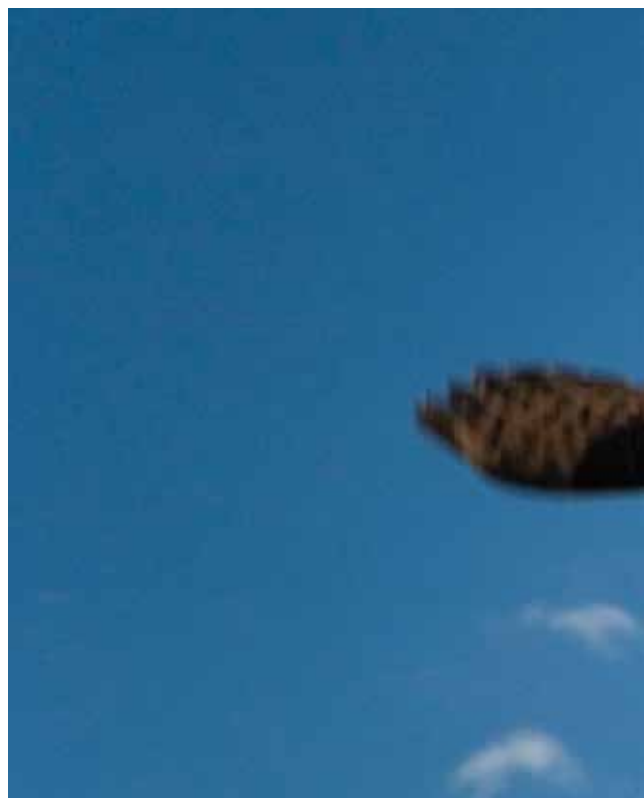
## **Your business is our concern**

Our aim is to provide efficient, practical and innovative legal solutions tailored to the client's specific needs. In that respect our professionals continuously invest in building knowledge and experience dealing with a variety of industry sectors.

We strive to help the client in the most timely and cost-effective manner. In a fastpaced business environment, it is not enough to have the right answer – you must have it at the right time. Responsiveness for us means giving quick, to-the-point and complete advice to help our clients make informed decisions.

**We endeavour to build strong, lasting relationships with our clients, based on mutual respect and trust.**

# Our specialist departments



## **Corporate law, mergers & acquisitions, private equity**

Laga has a thriving corporate law, M&A and private equity practice with a wide range of clients and a wealth of expertise. We advise international and domestic clients in share and assets acquisitions, (leveraged) buyouts, divestitures, IPO's, equity and debt capital markets, funds formations, mergers and company reorganisations.

Our team advises and supports the client in all transaction steps, from strategy planning through due diligence, contract drafting and negotiation and post-closing integration. We ensure that the deal is handled efficiently and successfully.

The team also has an outstanding reputation for its expert advice on complex corporate law and corporate governance issues.

## **Banking and finance**

Our banking and finance practice is well reputed for its domestic and cross-border finance expertise with particular skill in banking, structured finance (securitisation), securities, project finance and financial services. Our team represents a wide range of national and international clients, including major banking and financial institutions, holdings, investors, originators and conduit structures as well as rating agencies.

## **Real estate**

Our real estate team has extensive experience in all aspects of property development, acquisition, restructuring, and portfolio management together with property financing and refinancing (CMBS). In cooperation with our public, administrative and environmental law team and our tax team, the real estate practice group covers all legal issues of property transactions.

## **Commercial law and intellectual property**

Our commercial law practice works in myriad sectors and industries, providing a wide range of advisory services. This includes commercial distribution (agency, distributorship and franchise), data protection, trade practices, media and e-commerce. We also have a highly recommended intellectual property and information technology practice which assists companies in establishing, monitoring and enforcing their IP and IT platforms.

## **Employment, social security and immigration law**

Our reputed employment, social security and immigration law department consists of a specialised team advising on all aspects of individual and collective employment law and social security (with increasing focus on pension funds). The practice also offers immigration services tailor-made for expatriates of EU and non-EU companies.



### **Public, administrative and environmental law**

Our firm has extensive experience in advising and representing both public authorities and corporate entities in connection with all aspects of Belgian public and administrative law.

Our dedicated team has a breadth of experience in litigation before civil and administrative courts. In addition, the practice offers advice on environmental law, including soil pollution, waste, administrative and environmental permits and concessions from public authorities.

### **Insolvency and reorganisations**

The insolvency and reorganisation practice is built up of practitioners with considerable experience advising companies in distress. Our services cover advice on inter-creditor reorganisations, bankruptcy, and bankruptcy protection. Prevention initiatives are an increasingly important part of our work.

### **Dispute resolution**

For many years our firm has handled high profile lawsuits, in particular in the fields of corporate, reorganisation/insolvency and tax and employment law litigation. A number of our partners are also appointed as arbitrators, mediators or legal experts within national or international arbitration chambers such as Cepani and ICC.

### **Tax**

The Laga tax team is very active in both fiscal advisory and tax litigation for Belgian and multinational corporate entities as well as private individuals. The tax litigation team has a wealth of experience in assisting and representing clients before Belgian and European courts and the Belgian Supreme Court. The tax advisory team has extensive expertise as general tax advisor of numerous companies thereby assisting them with their (inbound) investments, reorganisations, holding activities and financing structures. Laga also has considerable experience in handling ruling requests with the Belgian tax administration and enjoys a very thorough expertise in a number of specific fields, amongst which business restructurings, real estate, tax planning, double tax treaty matters, European tax law, permanent establishments and transfer pricing.

### **Fraud & white-collar crime**

The fraud and white-collar crime team have established themselves as leaders in their field handling many high profile lawsuits over the years. This dedicated team is reputed for its expertise in tax-related fraud, economic criminal offences, risk management and moneylaundering offences. The fraud and white-collar crime team works closely together with the forensic section of Deloitte Belgium, which gives both Laga and Deloitte a unique position in the Belgian market.

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Innovative  
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Committed

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