

E u r o p e a n L a w T e a m

CLALLEMAND & LEGROS

Our Areas of Expertise

Internal Market

The Single Market is one of the EU's major achievements. It provides for the free movement of goods which covers all trade in goods and prohibits all restrictions on imports and exports between Member States, the free movement of persons and services which allows professionals to move across borders and practice their occupation or provide services abroad, and the free movement of capital.

We offer consultancy to our clients, individuals, businesses and public authorities alike, regarding the evolution of the legislative framework and the implementation thereof (e.g. the Services Directive), and help them protect their rights before the European Commission (e.g. complaints for Member States violations of EU Law) or the Court of justice (e.g. referrals for preliminary rulings).

Competition and State Aid

We provide legal advice (e.g. compliance of commercial contracts with antitrust rules), lodge complaints before the European Commission or the Belgian Competition Authority (e.g. abuse of dominant position, opposition to a merger), and assist clients under antitrust investigation. Our regular contacts with the EU institutions have enabled us to acquire an in-depth knowledge of their

internal functioning and to develop a sound and trustful relationship with many contacts inside several DGs.

In the field of State Aid Law our team enjoys a sharp expertise. We advise both public authorities and beneficiaries on the compatibility of public interventions with EU Law, we assist them regarding notifications of public interventions or aid schemes to the European Commission, and we help them challenge the decisions of the European Commission which adversely affect them.

EU and International Civil Service Law / Belgian Labour Law

We have developed a strong and renowned practice in EU and International Civil Service Law, assisting the personnel of the EU institutions, bodies and agencies as well as the staff of other international organisations (e.g. NATO). Combined with our expertise in Belgian Labour Law, we are able to offer our clients a one-stop shop for all their EU and International Civil Service needs (in the fields of recruitment-EPSCO competitions, performance, promotion, remuneration, social security benefits, pension and invalidity, disciplinary measures, termination of service etc.) and to accompany them in their transition to or from the Belgian labour market.

We act on behalf of our clients in their dealings with their employers, assist them

issue and a key concern for individuals and businesses alike.

We closely follow the evolution of the legislation and regularly publish articles in law journals, which gives us the scientific knowledge to best advise our clients on how to adapt their practices to an ever-changing regulatory framework, or help them defend their interests when their rights are infringed.

Access to documents

Whether you are a business who wants to defend itself in the context of competition proceedings or claim compensation for the damages resulting thereof, challenge the award of a tender to a competitor etc., an NGO who is active in the fields of environment protection, food safety, public health or fights for transparency and public authorities integrity, or an individual who needs to gather evidence in order to build a case, access to documents is absolutely essential and often raises privacy and data protection issues.

Thanks to our in-depth expertise in both areas (knowledge of the applicable legal and procedural framework, monitoring of the case-law, publications in law journals), we bring our clients first-rate assistance and accompany them through all the required steps, before the administration or the judge.

Policy Areas and Regulatory Compliance

Although we are able to assist our clients in all areas of EU law, we claim particular expertise and are able to help our clients with their legal counselling (sector liberalisation, standardisation, negotiations, administrative procedures) and regulatory

compliance needs in the following specific sectors : chemicals (REACH and other related regulations), consumer protection, cosmetics, energy (electricity, gas), environment, financial services, flooring, healthcare, telecoms, transport (inland waterways, maritime, rail).

The aim ? Quite simply to provide clients with outstanding legal advice, grounded in commercial reality, without compromising on ethics and integrity.

Litigation and Pre-litigation

We assist and represent our clients in all the above-mentioned areas in proceedings before the EU courts (Court of Justice, General Court, Civil Service Tribunal), before which we have built a distinctive and renowned practice, the European Court of Human Rights, the ILO Administrative Tribunal, international administrative Tribunals, and the Belgian courts.

We also help our clients defend their interests in pre-litigation and administrative proceedings before a variety of bodies, such as the European Commission DG Competition and the Belgian Competition Authority, the Investigation and Disciplinary Office and Committees, the European Anti-Fraud Office, etc.





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