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Introducing our Brussels office



Far reaching and close at hand

“ Our clients’ success is the key driver of our innovation. We want to be your law firm of choice, helping you compete more successfully in your local markets and around the world by offering you commercially useful, integrated legal advice.”

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A wide range of skills

Our Brussels office includes a number of high quality integrated practices, both European and Belgian. Our clients include leading private and governmental organisations, domestic businesses and international companies.

Our team of over 50 lawyers specialise in the following areas:

Competition/antitrust

We assist our clients on prominent merger clearance matters, when necessary through Phase II and in the European Courts. We defend clients in cartel investigations and provide compliance advice. We have an unmatched record in abuse of dominance cases.

Corporate/M&A

We assist clients in private and public M&A, whether leveraged or not, and have vast experience with cross-border transactions. Our corporate practice is supported by our lawyers in all aspects of employment, commercial, IP, environmental, administrative law and regulatory matters.

Banking, finance and capital markets

Lenders and borrowers rely on us when setting up credit transactions. We actively advise on project finance and PPPs, on structured finance, and on the debt capital markets. We offer strong financial regulatory expertise and assistance to asset managers and financial service providers. We also advise underwriters and issuers on all forms of equity and equity-linked capital market transactions.

Real estate

We assist property investors and developers on prominent transactions and projects in the three regions of Belgium - Brussels, Flanders and Wallonia. Our transactional experience is supported by a strong environmental and planning law expertise.

Tax

The focus of our tax practice is mainly on corporate transactions, real estate investments and optimisation, as well as financial products. We help in tax planning, in seeking tax rulings, and in defending against claims from the authorities.

Litigation

Our litigators fight and negotiate for plaintiffs and defendants in our niche areas; they have a broad scope of experience in finance, banking, corporate and general commercial litigation (e.g. alleged liability of financial institutions, M&A deals or joint ventures gone sour, failed real estate transactions, distributorship agreements, etc). We also have specific expertise in white collar matters and in assisting European companies facing class action suits in the U.S.

Leading international law firm

Clifford Chance combines the highest global standards with local expertise, through an in-depth understanding of the commercial environment in which our clients operate.

Our full service approach spans Europe, the Middle East, Asia and the Americas. We work together across different cultures and time zones to advise our clients on their most complex and critical legal needs. We also invest heavily in talent, technology and know-how, leveraging resources globally in fielding market leading legal teams.

International reach and integrated approach

We have a 'one firm' approach with fully integrated resources sharing the same quality standards. Our lawyers work closely with colleagues from around the world, pooling our international experience, gaining deeper insights into the business, legal and commercial drivers that impact our clients' operations – and using this understanding to inform our advice and legal opinions.

Sector focus

Our global sector groups comprise partners, lawyers and industry analysts with a detailed understanding of the business and regulatory developments within key industries. The advice and support we provide is therefore sensitised to the environment in which our clients operate.

Breadth of advice

Our global footprint enables us to handle large-scale and complex transactions, as well as more straightforward cases, in a timely and cost-efficient manner. Our lawyers deal with all aspects of business law, integrating where necessary multiple strands of legal areas and distilling otherwise complex legal advice into efficient and effective solutions.

Thought leadership

We use our global experience to contribute and comment on the law that is shaping the world around us. We also stay close to the political and economic agenda – using our insights to keep our clients up-to-date on the latest developments. We help clients to address changes in the risks they face and to achieve their goals through creative solutions, always presented by individual lawyers who are pragmatic and down-to-earth in their approach.

Support outside and inside the deal room

We 'deliver the firm' in many ways, for instance by seconding lawyers to the in-house legal teams of our clients, by partnering with clients, sharing our business infrastructure and offering a range of information services that provide insights into the challenges our clients face.

Global sector groups: specialists in your industry

Our global sector groups comprise partners, lawyers and industry analysts with a detailed understanding of specific sectors from a business, legal and regulatory standpoint.

Through working regularly with the clients we serve across different regions and legal areas, we share our sector knowledge and insights, helping them to respond quickly to changes in the legal and regulatory environment, to manage risk and to achieve business success.



“ They [Clifford Chance] don’t give you off-the-shelf advice – they understand the business, come up with creative ideas and make things happen.”

Chambers Global

“ If we need any assistance on any legal issue in any region of the world, Clifford Chance will have the lawyers for that.”

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