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Bernard Deltour mainly specializes in environmental law, in which he is considered one of Belgium's leading practitioners. He is particularly recognized for his extensive experience with waste and soil pollution issues. Bernard has vast experience in transactional, litigious as well as administrative practices, at European and Belgian federal and regional levels. Thanks to his perfect fluency in both Dutch and French, he acts in cases in Belgium's three regions. He also has a full professional proficiency in English.

The vast majority of Bernard's clients are private companies and trade associations. He is particularly familiar with waste management utilities and the chemical, pharmaceutical, energy and distribution industries.

He holds a law degree from the University of Leuven (KU Leuven) and has been a member of the Brussels Bar since 1988.

He also gained experience as a member of the personal staff of a regional minister.

Bernard Deltour is constantly involved in supporting policy development as well as legislative and regulatory projects, based on a comparative law approach and seeking to facilitate the implementation of widely acceptable, practically workable and efficiently enforceable provisions of environmental law.

Due to his vast experience, he has been called to chair the board of TRACIMAT VZW, a non-profit organization which will deal with the identification, qualitative certification and tracing of demolition waste in Belgium's Flemish Region and to the management committee of SOLTRACING SAS, a French company commercializing a method for the identification, qualitative certification and tracing of excavated soils in France.

His international work is based on a vast network of highly regarded specialists across the globe in the EU, North and South America, Africa, Asia and Australia.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Regulatory (Environment; Energy)

LANGUAGES

French, Dutch, English

RECENT MATTERS

- Assisting the Belgian Federal Authority on identifying and dealing with barriers to the development of the “Circular Economy”, through a consortium of consultants
- Assisting a leading global environmental utility in disposing of most of its Belgian waste management activities
- Assisting professional organizations in promoting the enactment of new regulatory provisions aiming at facilitating the implementation of a circular economy and industrial symbiosis
- Assisting leading global industrial operators in selling (former) production sites
- Assisting a BRIC-investor in developing a new petrochemical operation in Belgium’s Flemish Region
- Assisting a number of utilities across a variety of industry sectors in securing their “licences to operate”, either through legal lobbying support work or by representing them in administrative and contentious procedures
- Teaming up with international law firms on pan-European reviews of nationally applicable product regulations
- Assisting international clients and corresponding law-firms on auditing the compliance of local operations and negotiating specific contractual provisions in M&A-contracts

KEY PUBLICATIONS

- “Over “grondstoffen”, “afvalstoffen” en “secundaire grondstoffen”: a never ending story...”, in Deketelaere, M. (ed.), Recente ontwikkelingen in het afvalstoffenrecht, die Keure, Brugge, 1995
- “Déchets, pollution du sol et pratique notariale”, in Lejeune, Y. (dir.), Pratique notariale et droit administratif, Larcier, Bruxelles, 1998
- “Trop de droit tue le droit; Enkele pretentioze bedenkingen bij een paar milieurechtelijke bepalingen”, in Deketelaere, K. (ed.), Feestbundel milieurecht, Die Keure, Brugge, 2005
- ”Renewable Energy. The promotion of Electricity from Renewable Energy Sources - Belgium”, International Energy Law and Taxation Review, iss.9, 2007

RECENT CONFERENCES

- « Brussels Expertise : EU Environment & Energy Regulation, Impact on Japanese Businesses » (Tokyo, Japan - June 2012)
- « Renewable Energy Regulations in Belgium : The Various Shades of Green in a Small yet Federalized Country » (Frankfurt, Germany - June 2012)
- « Le droit des déchets revisité: d'où venons-nous? Où allons-nous? » (Liège, Belgium - May 2012)
- « Legal issues relating to the safety of nuclear installations - Decommissioning » (Paris, France - September 2011)

MARKET RECOGNITION

- Bernard Deltour of Praetica is lauded by peers as "very well acquainted with environmental law in all three regions. He is quite exceptional." His expertise is in environmental and planning law with a focus on waste and soil contamination - Chambers Europe 2016 - Belgium - Environment (Band 1 of Ranked Lawyers)
- Sources praise Bernard Deltour for his prowess in contentious cases - Chambers Europe 2012 (Band 1)
- Clients hail practice head Bernard Deltour as "the perfect environment lawyer," praising his commercial awareness, enthusiastic approach and personable style, as well as his land contamination knowledge and overall understanding of the environmental regulatory regime" - Chambers Europe 2011 (Band 1)