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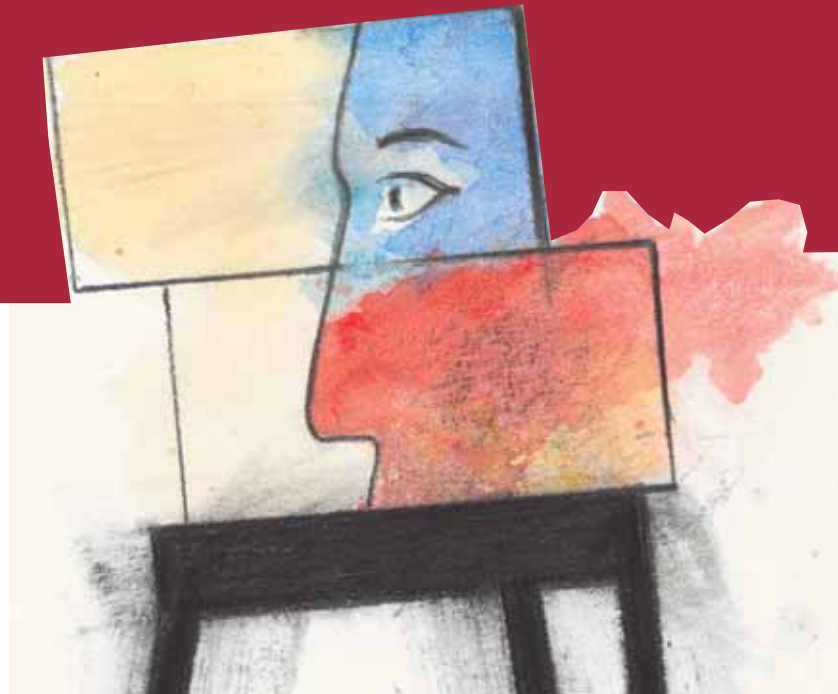
The Hague & Rotterdam

## Our office, our advocates.

We are among the top-ranked law firms in the Netherlands and specialise in protecting our clients against investigating and sanctioning actions by regulatory, supervisory and other law enforcement authorities, in particular in criminal cases.

Our reputation is excellent, both nationally and internationally.

According to successive editions of *The Legal 500 for Europe, Middle East & Africa* and *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers*, our firm has been rated 'leading' for years.



## What is it we do?

We render legal assistance in the event of any actual or potential criminal law problem.

We advise on how best to handle dawn raids or interviews by law enforcement authorities such as:

- Algemene Inspectiedienst (AID: General Inspectorate)
- Arbeidsinspectie (AI: Labour Inspectorate)
- Autoriteit Financiële Markten (AFM: Authority for the Financial Markets)
- DCMR Milieudienst Rijnmond (DCMR: Rijnmond Central Environmental Management Department)
- De Nederlandsche Bank (DNB: the central bank of the Netherlands)
- European Commission
- Fiscale Inlichtingen- en Opsporingsdienst (FIOD-ECD: Fiscal Intelligence and Investigation Service-Economic Investigation Service)
- Inspectie Verkeer en Waterstaat (IVW: Inspectorate for Transport, Public Works and Water Management)
- Inspectie voor de Gezondheidszorg (IGZ: Health Care Inspectorate)
- Nederlandse Mededingingsautoriteit (NMa: the Netherlands Competition Authority)
- Onderzoeksraad voor Veiligheid (Dutch Safety Board)
- Openbaar Ministerie (OM: Crown Prosecution Service)
- Rechter-Commissaris (RC: investigating magistrate)
- Voedsel en Waren Autoriteit (VWA: Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority)
- VROM-Inspectie (Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment Inspectorate)

We negotiate, whenever possible, with the judicial authorities on out-of-court resolutions (through dismissal or financial settlement).

We defend our clients in court.

We offer interview training to witnesses and defendants.

We also advise clients who do not have a criminal law problem and certainly do not wish to get one. For corporations we may, for instance, analyse compliance measures and during company takeovers we may be part of the advisory team, in order to iden-

tify the criminal law pitfalls through a ‘quick scan’. This will minimize the risk of government sanctions.

## Who do we work for?

Our clients are to be found mainly in the (inter)national corporate world. We assist both SME’s and listed companies as well as multi-nationals. Authorities and individuals are also part of our clientele. Please refer to our website for a cross-section of our client base.

We are generally approached through professional service providers, such as tax consultants, accountants and lawyers who are not specialised in our area of expertise.

## What do we offer?

- Excellent legal services, with a practical and involved approach. Our experienced advocates are sparring partners and provide a quick service.
- Close cooperation with other professional advisors of the client.
- Intermediation, should a client need a lawyer abroad who is well-versed in our area of expertise. We have got the connections.
- Discretion. Our press policy is one of restraint. We shall only seek media exposure when it is in the client’s interest and at his request.

## How can we be of service?

**REAL-LIFE FAQs. WE HAVE GOT THE ANSWERS.**

- You are invited to a ‘meeting’ with the Labour Inspectorate. Do you have to cooperate?
- A supervisor from the DNB, AFM or the Province states your company is in violation. What are your rights and obligations as a suspect? How do you still maintain a constructive approach towards the supervisor?
- You or one of your staff or managers are summoned by the RC, to be ‘interviewed’ as a witness or suspect. How do you best prepare? Is not showing up an option?
- FIOD-ECD, AID or DCMR request that you or your company surrender documents/administration. Do you have to comply? Can the material be used against you?
- The IGZ or the CPS wants to seize patient records from a doctor or hospital. What is the best way to protect the confidentiality of the doctor-patient relationship?

- You or your company are approached by or on behalf of foreign authorities seeking information (such as the US SEC). What is the best strategy to protect your interests?
- You have been subpoenaed to appear in court as a defendant or witness. Do you have to comply? And if you are going: what is the best way to prepare?
- You receive a settlement proposal from the CPS in order to avoid further prosecution. Are you going to pay? What are the consequences of either accepting or refusing the proposal?
- What will end up on the criminal records of private individuals and corporations and what may be the consequences?
- You have fallen victim to a criminal act. You wish to report it and to seek compensation. How do you handle this effectively?
- You suspect fraud within your company. You want an internal investigation to take place. How do you go about this efficiently yet discretely?

## Appointment?

You are in need of some quick advice? Or merely an exploratory meeting? An appointment with a member of our team is easily set up.

You are welcome at one of our offices. For directions, please refer to our website. Ample parking available.

Of course, we are also happy to come and visit you.

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