



Marcel Willems Attorney at law, Partner

Specialisms:

Business Structuring
Commercial & Corporate
Litigation and Arbitration
Directors' and Officers' Liability
Financial Supervision
International Business
International Contracting
Restructuring
German Desk

Sectors:

Banking and Finance
Life Sciences

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Marcel Willems studied law at the Universities of Nijmegen, Leiden, Berlin and Osnabrück (Germany). He has been an attorney since 1988 and one of the co-founders of Kennedy Van der Laan. Since 1992 he has focused his practice on corporate and commercial litigation, insolvency law, financial security, financial restructurings and (re) financing schemes and directors and officers liability. He acts for several banks, particularly in the areas of security rights and insolvency. Also, he regularly advises on complex financings.

Marcel heads the German Desk which caters for the needs of our German-speaking clients.

He is author and co-author of a number of publications on insolvency law and he frequently publishes articles on corporate law, litigation and insolvency.

As a deputy judge in the Court of Appeal of Leeuwarden, Marcel himself also regularly renders judicial decisions.

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Practice areas

- Financing and debt security
- Insolvency
- Corporate & commercial litigation

Judicial role

- Part-time judge of the Court of Appeal in Leeuwarden

Education

- Law, University of Leiden, 1987

Teaching

- Marcel teaches at the University of Leiden as well at international (IBA, ABA) Conferences

Professional Associations

- President of the Appeals Board of the Actuarial Association
- Member of the Netherlands Insolvency Practitioners Association (Insolad)
- Member of the Corporate Litigation Association
- Member of the Securities Law Association
- Member of the International Bar Association (IBA) section on insolvency and the rights of creditors
- Insol Europe

Community Service

- Secretary Day for Change

Chambers 2014:

“This firm’s Germany desk includes a number of German speakers and handles transactional and regulatory issues in areas including real estate, IT and media. Its clients include groups from, or with interests in, Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Partner Marcel Willems is a contact for the desk.”