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1988-1993 Master of Law – Distinction – University of Ghent [Belgium]

2001 English Legal Methods – University of Cambridge [United Kingdom]

2005 International Commercial Arbitration – University of Cologne [Germany]

2022 Blockchain Strategy Program, University of Oxford [United Kingdom]

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND POSITIONS:

* Lawyer at the Brussels Bar, since 2018
* Lawyer at the Ghent Bar, 1993-2021
* Lawyer at the Paris Bar, 2013-2017
* Partner at DE MEULEMEESTER & DE BRABANDERE LAW, since 2018
* Lawyer/Managing Partner at LEXLITIS Law Firm (offices Ghent- Brussels-Antwerp-Liège), 2001-2018
* President of CEPANI, the Belgian Institute for Arbitration and Mediation, Brussels, 2014-2020 - Honorary President since 2020
* Member of the ICC Court (Paris – 2024-2027)
* Visiting Professor of Law at Ghent University – LL.M. “Negotiation and Mediation”, (former: “International Commercial Arbitration”) (until 2023)
* Visiting Professor of Law at Leiden University – LL.M. “Negotiation and Mediation”
* SIR at New York University (NYU)
* Substitute Judge at the Commercial Court of Ghent
* Arbitrator at the International Court of Arbitration (ICC) in Paris, the Swiss Chambers in Geneva/Zürich, WIPO in Geneva, CCJA (OHADA) in Abidjan, KCAB INTERNATIONAL in Seoul, and others
* Honorary Fellow at the Department of Procedural Law, Arbitration and Private International Law at Ghent University
* Member of the Challenge Committee of NAI (until 2023)
* Member of the Court of TIAC (Tashkent International Arbitration Centre) (until 2022)
* Member of the Bureau of the Belgian Federal Commission for Mediation (President of the Ethics Committee)

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Practicing dispute resolution for over 25 years in both national and international commercial and investment arbitration. Acting as counsel or arbitrator (co-arbitrator, sole arbitrator or presiding arbitrator) in over seventy arbitration proceedings, administered (incl. ICC, Swiss Rules, WIPO, CEPANI, NAI, ICSID) and ad hoc, governed by various procedural and substantive laws, both civil law and common law (incl. English, French, Danish, Dutch and Swiss law), and by international law. Extensive experience in Mediation, Mini-Trial and MedArb.

Founder of the “CEPANI Arbitration Academy” and the “CEPANI ADR Academy” Founder and Co-chair of CEPANI40, 2004-2008

Former President of the Arbitral Tribunal of the Arbitration Centre in Matters of Sexual Abuse in the Church

Former President of the Arbitral Tribunal of the Travel Disputes Committee

Former President of the Arbitral Tribunal of the Construction of Schools Committee

Currently Judge in the Court for Harassment/Unacceptable Behavior in Sports

Member of the Task Force which drafted the 2013 New Belgian Arbitration Law, Chairman of the Task Force of the 2017 Amendments of the Belgian Arbitration Law and Chairman of the Task Force to adapt the CEPANI Arbitration rules (2020), Member of the Task Force of the 2022 Amendments of the Belgian Arbitration Law

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Listing in “Who’s Who Legal” and “GAR”, etc.

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