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Nationality, Date of Birth	Belgium, 14 August 1952

Education

Master of Law – University of Antwerp - 1975

Career

Law practice in Antwerp, Belgium, for 33 years from 1975 until 2008 (Bastaens Law Office 1975 – 1986; Le Paige Law Office 1986 – 1993; Peeters & Partners 1993 – 2002; Wagner, Cryns & De Troij 2003-2008) and in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, from 2009 until today (Lorenz Law Office 2009-2012; Mortimer Blake International Law Firm 2013 – present)

Current Position

Senior partner in Mortimer Blake International Law Office, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

Professional Memberships

- Assistant professor at the American University of Central Asia – International and Business Law Department – teaching international commercial arbitration and international investment law
 - Arbitrator on the panel of arbitrators of the China Maritime Arbitration Commission (Beijing) and of the Center for Dispute Resolution (Cedires) (Brussels), and arbitrator on the list of arbitrators of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Center.
- Member of the Belgian-Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce for Russia and Belarus, the International Franchise Lawyers Association and the Association for International Arbitration.

Specialisations

International Investment Law
Mergers & Acquisitions and joint ventures
Maritime Law

Arbitration Experience

- 38 ad hoc arbitration cases (maritime insurance) in Antwerp, Belgium as counsel
- 1 ad hoc arbitration case (construction) in Brussels, Belgium as counsel
- 1 ad hoc arbitration case (lease) in Antwerp, Belgium as counsel
- 1 ad hoc (UNCITRAL) investment dispute arbitration case as counsel in Paris, France (award not rendered until today)

Publications

Recent publications:

- Can the Kyrgyz Republic be implicated in international arbitration proceedings under the Rules of Arbitration of the International Center for the Settlement of Investment Disputes? Times of Central Asia – 8/11/2011;
- Kyrgyzstan and the ICSID additional Facility Rules. Times of Central Asia – 28/11/2011;
- Can a local Kyrgyz company be treated as a foreign investment because of foreign control? Times of Central Asia – 19/4/2012;
- The future for bilateral investment treaties concluded between Central Asian countries and member-countries of the European Union. Times of Central Asia – 24/5/2012;
- Chapter on Kyrgyzstan in the International Comparative Legal Guide to: Mergers & Acquisitions 2013 and 2014
- Chapter on Kyrgyzstan in the International Comparative Legal Guide to: Mining Law 2014;
- Chapter on Kyrgyzstan in the International Comparative Legal Guide to : International Arbitration 2014

Languages

Dutch, French, English, German and Spanish
Basic knowledge of Russian