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Janet Meesters has vast experience in the field of procurement law and construction law. She advises both tenderers and contracting entities and both contractors and employers and she has extensive experience in civil court litigation.

In procurement matters, Janet provides strategic advice on the design of tender procedures and the different types of procedures, the tender documentation as well as the application and bid for tenders. In addition, she assists both bidders and contracting authorities in legal proceedings in relation to procurement procedures.

In the field of construction law, Janet advises and represents employers and contractors in complex law disputes in civil court and arbitration proceedings involving different types of contracts (including DB, DBFM and contracts based on the international FIDIC standards). She is also experienced in negotiating contracts in the field of construction, project development, and public-private partnerships (PPP/PPS). She understands technical language and is praised for her ability to translate complex technical issues into comprehensible legal advice or court documents.

Furthermore, Janet advises in matters relating to scarce (public) rights.

She advises a wide range of clients including Dutch and international companies in the field of construction, infrastructure, transport, (renewable) energy, waste management, technology, education and insurance and several (semi-)governmental bodies and universities.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- Dutch
- English

- Construction and Engineering

Dutch English

- Advising several (semi-)governmental institutions on the tender phase and execution of design & build projects.
- Assisting several international companies in their preparations for and participation in European tender procedures initiated by Dutch contracting entities, based on the Classical as well as the Utilities Directive.

- Assisting and representing a rail maintenance company in several procurement and contractual matters.
- Advising and representing clients in several sectors in technically complex tenders and in relation to technically complex infrastructural and utility works (amongst which bridges, plants, malls and radar and air traffic technology).
- Representing several waste management and recycling / renewable energy companies in court proceedings concerning European tender procedures.
- Assisting and representing Dutch and international construction companies in construction matters in the Netherlands and abroad involving UAV, UAV-GC, DNR, FIDIC (Yellow Book, Green Book, Red Book), DBFM and custom-made contracts.
- Assisting and representing an international dredging company in several dredging and construction related matters.
- Assisting an international food company in the realization of a new plant in the Netherlands and drafting all contracts related thereto.
- Assisting a University in the establishment of a cooperation with a Dutch investment fund for the development of a Science Park
- Representing an Austrian company in a dispute concerning the realization of the Botlek Bridge as part of the A15 Motorway DBFM project Maasvlakte-Vaanplein.

AREAS OF EXPERIENCE:

- Public procurement (both Classical and Utilities Directive)
- Construction law (i.a. UAV, UAV-GC, DBFM, FIDIC)
- Public-Private Partnerships (PPP)
- Scarce public rights

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Advocaat admitted with the Nederlandse Orde van Advocaten

Recognitions

- Recommended in *Legal 500 EMEA - Construction*, 2018-2020
- “*Janet Meesters is 'a good listener who easily translates incomprehensible jargori' Legal 500 EMEA 2018*”
- “*Meesters, who can 'bring parties together in negotiations and of course gives great practical advice' provides procurement and construction expertise to clients in the infrastructure, waste management, energy, and education sectors.” Legal 500 EMEA 2019*”

Education

- Utrecht University, Dutch Law, 2004
- Grotius Academy, Grotius European and Dutch Procurement Law (cum laude), 2008

Memberships

- Member of the Dutch Association for Procurement Law (Nederlandse Vereniging voor Aanbestedingsrecht - NVvA)
- Member of the Dutch Construction Lawyers Association (Vereniging voor Bouwrecht-Advocaten - VBR-A)

INSIGHTS

Janet regularly publishes on matters relating to procurement law and construction law and recently also on the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic for the Dutch construction sector. She speaks at conferences and gives lectures at the Instituut voor Bouwrecht (Institute for Construction Law) and the Public Procurement Research Centre of the Utrecht University. Janet is also one of the authors of the *Tekst & Commentaar Aanbestedingsrecht* and a regular annotator for the procurement case law journal *Jurisprudentie Aanbestedingsrecht*.

Publications

- COVID-19 en bouwprojecten: the show must go on – maar wie betaalt de rekening? (VGR 2020-3, p. 88)
- COVID-19 in de bouw: laveren tussen juridische risicoverdeling en praktische oplossingen (BB 2020/41)
- Past performance – een evaluatie van de eerste uitspraken over deze uitsluitingsgrond (TA 2019/66; also published in JAAN 2019/121)
- Annotation ECJ C-267/18 (JAAN 2019/179)
- Annotation Court of East-Brabant 14 January 2019 (JAAN 2019/55)
- Exploitatie WKO-systeem en aanbestedingsplicht; verkoop als legitieme escape? (JAAN 2018/902)
- Tekst & Commentaar Aanbestedingsrecht (co-auteur, 2014-2018)

NEWS

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2020

30 April 2020

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 67 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2020 in the United States and May 1, 2020 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions have been made across many of the firm's practice areas in 35 different offices throughout 13 countries.

Across the firm's practices globally, Corporate saw the largest intake of new partners with 19 promotions, followed by Litigation and Regulatory with 15. Intellectual Property and Technology and Finance and Projects had ten and eight promotions respectively, while there were six in Real Estate. Tax and Employment both had four, and there was one in Restructuring.

DLA Piper kondigt partnerbenoemingen voor 2020 aan

30 April 2020

Khaled Dadi en Janet Meesters zijn met ingang van 1 mei 2020 tot partner benoemd bij DLA Piper in Amsterdam.

Wereldwijd heeft het advocatenkantoor 67 advocaten in 13 verschillende landen tot partner benoemd.

Khaled Dadi is als advocaat verbonden aan de Intellectual Property and Technology praktijkgroep. Hij heeft ruime ervaring met het adviseren van zijn cliënten over de juridische aspecten van digitale transformatie processen, strategic sourcing projecten en commerciële contracten. Verder heeft hij uitgebreide ervaring in het adviseren en procederen over IT-geschillen. Dadi adviseert voornamelijk cliënten in de financiële-, technologische- en industriële sector. Daarnaast is hij betrokken bij pro bono projecten voor onder andere UNICEF, Plan Nederland en het door DLA Piper opgezette Know Your Rights programma.
