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Laura Smit is engaged in advising national and international clients on domestic and cross-border M&A transactions. She is involved in strategic mergers and acquisitions, private equity, management buy-outs, joint ventures, reorganisations and general corporate law. Laura has a specific focus on transactions within the technology and media spaces.

In 2016 Laura was seconded at DLA Piper London for six months, where she worked extensively on UK law governed M&A transactions and private equity.

She has a leading role in DLA Piper's Netherlands Tech Sector Group and is part of the Retail Sector and Private Equity Groups.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- Dutch
- English
- Czech

- Private Equity
- Corporate
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Public Company and Corporate Governance
- Restructuring

- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail
- Technology

Dutch English Czech

- Advising Box Inc., a cloud content management services company, on its acquisition of SignRequest, a cloud-based electronic signature company.
- Advising Ocean Outdoor on the acquisitions of leading DOOH-companies in the Netherlands (including Interbest, Ngage Media and Beyond Outdoor).
- Advising The Carlyle Group on various acquisitions, including Dept Agency and several hotel portfolio's.
- Advising Chinese Eastern Airlines on its investment in Air France-KLM.
- Advising ForFarmers on various transactions.
- Advising UGI Corporation on the acquisition of De Vrije Energie Producent.

- Advising NPM Capital on its investment in Suitsupply.
- Advising Perusa Partners on the acquisition of Xindao Group.
- Advising Synergia Capital on various investments and exits, including the sale of The Artisan Food Company (Boboli) to Gilde Equity Management.
- Advising a major international bank and Rabo Investments on the sale of INVE Aquaculture to Benchmark.

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Advocaat admitted with the Nederlandse Orde van Advocaten

Education

- Grotius Academy, Corporate Law, 2017
- Law Firm School, 2013
- Leiden University, LL.M. Corporate law and Intellectual Property, 2011
- Women Leadership Programme 2019

INSIGHTS

Publications

Impact on private equity and debt arrangements

3 April 2020

Private equity investors are skilled in designing and implementing investment strategies with the ultimate goal of value creation, COVID-19 presents an unprecedented scale of challenges, in particular from a cash liquidity perspective and consequently for debt arrangements which are often applied as part of those investment strategies.

Impact of COVID-19 on DD, warranties and W&I

2 April 2020

In this part of the series (Impact on M&A in the Netherlands) we will discuss how we expect COVID-19 to have an impact on due diligence process, warranties and risk allocation and W&I insurance.

Coronavirus: Impact on M&A in the Netherlands

31 March 2020

How does COVID-19 impact ongoing and future M&A in the Netherlands? In a series of articles we give insight into key aspects to consider.

Impact on earn-out clauses and how to (re) negotiate

30 March 2020

As the impact of COVID-19 on our economy is becoming clearer by the day, it may well be that all earn-out clauses have turned into unpredictable gambles. This part of the series (Impact on M&A in the Netherlands) addresses the key aspects of both agreed and to be negotiated earn-out clauses and how they can cater to these unpredictable times.

Impact of COVID-19 on ongoing and future M&A negotiations: MAC clauses in COVID-19 times

26 March 2020

Material adverse change (MAC) provisions in the context of a M&A transaction give a purchaser the right to terminate if, between signing and completion, an event or development occurs that has, or is expected to have, a materially adverse effect on the target company/business.

Impact of COVID-19 on ongoing and future M&A negotiations: Force majeure and unforeseen circumstances under Dutch law

25 March 2020

We will explore the implications of COVID-19 on transactions that have signed but not completed. More specifically, we will focus on what the options are under Dutch law to use the concepts of force majeure (overmacht) and unforeseen circumstances (onvoorziene omstandigheden) to withdraw from the transaction.

Impact of COVID-19 on ongoing and future M&A negotiations

23 March 2020

The disrupting nature of the COVID-19 outbreak gives rise to the question if ongoing M&A negotiations should be pursued, put on hold in the hope for calmer waters, or definitely terminated.

NEWS

DLA Piper advises BASF on the acquisition of 49,5% stake in offshore wind farm Hollandse Kust Zuid from Vattenfall

24 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised BASF on the acquisition of 49,5% percent of Vattenfall's offshore wind farm Hollandse Kust Zuid in The Netherlands. The purchase price amounts to EUR0,3 billion and takes into account the achieved status of the project.

DLA Piper advised Box Inc who will acquire SignRequest

10 February 2021

We are delighted to have advised Box Inc, who entered into a definitive agreement to acquire SignRequest, a cloud-based electronic signature company.
