MARCO ELIENS



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29 June 1987
Dutch nationality

PROFILE

Analytical, strategic, enthusiastic, accessible, team player, communicative, reliable, organized, efficient, goal-oriented, responsible

EDUCATION

LLM LAW AND POLITICS OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY
(LLB Law)
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
2005-2011, *cum laude*

MA PHILOSOPHY OF LAW
(BA Philosophy)
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
2006-2011, *cum laude*

DROIT ET PHILOSOPHIE
Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
2011

LAW AND PHILOSOPHY
University of California at Berkeley
2009

LANGUAGES

DUTCH: native
ENGLISH: fluent
FRENCH: professional
GERMAN: proficient

CURRENT POSITION

LEMSTRA VAN DER KORST (2023 – PRESENT)
As a partner, I co-head Lemstra Van der Korst's international arbitration practice. In addition to working as counsel, I also act as an arbitrator.

COURT OF APPEAL ARNHEM-LEEUWARDEN (2023 – PRESENT)
As a deputy judge at the Court of Appeal of Arnhem-Leeuwarden, I adjudicate corporate and commercial disputes.

NETHERLANDS ARBITRATION INSTITUTE (2025 – PRESENT)
I am a member of the Advisory Board of the NAI.

EXPERTISE

MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS AND JOINT VENTURES
I have acted in multiple disputes relating to (mostly international) M&A transactions and joint ventures. The disputes range from aborted negotiations and enforcement of closing to warranty claims and earn-out disputes, with values in dispute of more than EUR 7 billion.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
I have conducted various disputes both for and against financial institutions. The disputes range from the alleged liability of an asset manager exceeding contractually agreed risk limits to summary proceedings between a mortgage provider and an intermediary regarding an investment of hundreds of millions of euros.

ENERGY AND CONSTRUCTION
Many of the cases I have done are related to the energy sector, ranging from international agreements regarding the long-term supply of gas to the financing and construction of an LNG terminal.

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY
I have acted in multiple disputes regarding the professional liability of lawyers and auditors, including proceedings before specialized Dutch courts.

ENFORCEMENT
Various proceedings I have conducted involve the enforcement or annulment of arbitral awards and foreign judgments, such as the enforcement of a EUR 1 billion award against an international conglomerate, representing a Middle Eastern sovereign seeking to annul an arbitral award, and the enforcement of an arbitral award against a Latin American sovereign and its SOE.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

DE BRAUW BLACKSTONE WESTBROEK (2012 – 2022)
I acted for large multinational corporations in proceedings under the ICC, ICSID, UNCITRAL, LCIA and NAI rules, and acted in enforcement proceedings involving arbitral awards as well as court judgments.

TENOR CAPITAL (NEW YORK; 2019)
I worked as an investment manager at Tenor Capital in New York.

PUBLICATIONS

- LEXOLOGY: "*Litigation Funding – The Netherlands*".
- KLUWER ARBITRATION BLOG: "*Document Production: Quality Over Quantity*".
- KLUWER COMPANION TO NOTARIAL CORPORATE LAW: financial reporting (in Dutch).
- WPNR: parent company liability (in Dutch).