



**Belgian
Legal Awards
2007**

**BELGIAN LEGAL AWARDS
WINNERS**



**REAL ESTATE & CONSTRUCTION
LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR**

DLA PIPER

THE NOMINEES WERE:

- * DLA PIPER
- * ELEGIS
- * LIEDEKERKE
- * LINKLATERS DE BANDT
- * NAUTA DUTILH
- * STIBBE
- * VAN CUTSEM WITTAMER MARNEF & PARTNERS

**ADMINISTRATIVE & ENVIRONMENT
LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR**

Nauta Dutilh

THE NOMINEES WERE:

- * DLA PIPER
- * LDR
- * MONARD d'HULST
- * STIBBE
- * SIMONT BRAUN
- * NAUTA DUTILH

INSURANCE LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

Praxislaw

THE NOMINEES WERE:

- * EUROTHEMIS
- * PRAXISLAW
- * THELIUS
- * VAN CUTSEM WITTAMER MARNEF & PARTNERS

EMPLOYMENT LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

Lontings & Partners

THE NOMINEES WERE:

- * CLAEYS & ENGELS
- * CMS DEBACKER
- * LAGA
- * LIEDEKERKE
- * LONTINGS
- * LOYENS
- * STIBBE
- * TAQUET CLESSE VAN EECKHOUTTE

CORPORATE LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

Cleary Gottlieb Steen Hamilton

THE NOMINEES WERE:

- * ALTIUS
- * BAKER MCKENZIE
- * CLEARY GOTTLIEB
- * CLIFFORD CHANCE
- * CMS DE BACKER
- * DLA PIPER
- * EUBELIUS
- * FRESHFIELDS
- * LINKLATERS DE BANDT
- * LOYENS
- * Mc GUIRE WOODS
- * NAUTA DUTILH
- * STIBBE
- * VAN BAELE BELLIS
- * WILLKIE FARR & GALLAGHER

IN-HOUSE LEGAL DEPARTMENT PROMINENT TRANSACTION

Elia - Belpex

THE NOMINEES WERE:

- * ELIA – Belpex
- * DE POST - LA POSTE

PROMINENT LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Dexia

THE NOMINEES ARE:

- * DE POST - LA POSTE
- * DEXIA
- * INGRAM MICRO EUROPE

LITIGATION & ARBITRATION LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

Hanotiau & van den Berg

THE NOMINEES WERE:

- * CRUYPLANTS ELOY WAGEMANS & PARTNERS
- * DAL & VELDEKENS
- * DLA PIPER
- * HANOTIAU VAN DEN BERG
- * HOCHÉ DEMOLIN BRULARD
- * LAFILI VAN CROMBRUGGHE & PARTNERS
- * LINKLATERS DE BANDT
- * LIEDEKERKE
- * PHILIPPE & PARTNERS
- * SIMONT BRAUN
- * STIBBE
- * VERGELS & PARTNERS
- * WILLKIE FARR & GALLAGHER
- * WTT

TAX LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

THE NOMINEES WERE:

- * AFSCHRIFT
- * BAILLEUX & CAUSAIN
- * BAKER MC KENZIE
- * CRUYPLANTS ELOY WAGEMANS & PARTNERS
- * DAL & VELDEKENS
- * EUBELIUS
- * FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER
- * FORESTINI
- * JONES DAY
- * LAGA
- * LIEDEKERKE
- * LINKLATERS DE BANDT
- * LOYENS
- * TIBERGHIE

BANKING & FINANCE LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

Clifford Chance

THE NOMINEES WERE:

- * ALTIUS
- * ASHURST
- * BAKER MCKENZIE
- * CLIFFORD CHANCE
- * ELEGIS
- * EUBELIUS
- * FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER
- * LAGA
- * LINKLATERS DE BANDT
- * LOYENS
- * NAUTA DUTILH
- * WILLKIE FARR & GALLAGHER

COMPETITION & ANTI-TRUST

Linklaters De Bandt

LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

THE NOMINEES WERE:

- * ASHURST
- * ARNOLD PORTER
- * CLEARY GOTTLIEB
- * FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER
- * HOWREY LLP
- * LINKLATERS DE BANDT
- * LOVELLS
- * SIDLEY AUSTIN BROWN & WOOD
- * SKADDEN ARPS
- * TAYLOR WESSING
- * VAN BAEL & BELLIS
- * WILMER HALE

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

Stibbe

THE NOMINEES WERE:

- * ALTIUS
- * BIRD & BIRD
- * COVINGTON & BURLING
- * DE WOLF & PARTNERS
- * DKV
- * HOWREY LLP
- * LINKLATERS DE BANDT
- * NAUTA DUTILH
- * SIMONT BRAUN
- * STIBBE
- * ULYS

TMT – TECHNOLOGY, MEDIA & TELECOMMUNICATION LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

Altius

THE NOMINEES WERE:

- * ALTIUS
- * BAKER & MC KENZIE
- * BIRD & BIRD
- * DLA PIPER
- * GIBSON DUNN
- * JONES DAY
- * LAWELL
- * LINKLATERS DE BANDT
- * SIMONT BRAUN
- * ULYS

**ERNA VAN HOOF
AWARD**

**MARGA JORISSEN
Loyens**

BEST FIRM TO WORK FOR

Eubelius

THE NOMINEES WERE:

- * AFSCHRIFT
- * ASHURST
- * CLAEYS & ENGELS
- * COVINGTON & BURLING
- * DAL & VELDEKENS
- * EUBELIUS
- * FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER
- * MC GUIRE WOODS
- * NAUTA DUTILH
- * STIBBE
- * TAYLOR WESSING
- * VAN CUTSEM WITTAMER MARNEF & PARTNERS

**MANAGING PARTNER
OF THE YEAR**

Jean-Pierre Blumberg – Linklaters De Bandt

THE NOMINEES WERE:

- * Jean-Pierre BLUMBERG – LINKLATERS DE BANDT
- * Christian CHERUY LOYENS
- * Olivier CLEVENBERGH – STIBBE
- * Johan DE BRUYCKER – ALTIUS
- * Patrick DE WOLF - DE WOLF & PARTNERS
- * Hugo KEULERS – LONTINGS
- * Erik MONARD - MONARD D’HULST
- * Trevor SOAMES – HOWREY LLP
- * Erwin VANDERVELDE - Hilde LAGA - LAGA
- * Marleen VAN KERCKHOVE - ARNOLD PORTER
- * Guido VERDEYEN - PRAXISLAW

REGIONAL LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR FLANDERS

Schuermans & Schuermans

THE NOMINEES WERE:

- * BELEXA
- * DE SCHRIJVER VAN DE GEHUCHTE MESSIAEN
- * LDR
- * MONARD D'HULST
- * SCHUERMANS & SCHUERMANS
- * VAN GOMPEL RENETTE

REGIONAL LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR WALLONIA

Firket Brandenburg Crahay Pichault

THE NOMINEES WERE:

- * BOURS & Associes
- * CELES
- * DECODE
- * DEMINE & ASSOCIES
- * ELEGIS HANNEQUART RASIR
- * FIRKET BRANDENBERG CRAHAY PICHAULT & ASSOCIES
- * LEGALEX Crappe & Smets
- * MATRAY MATRAY HALLET
- * PHILIPPE & PARTNERS
- * PROESMANS & HENRY

BELGIAN LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

Linklaters De Bandt

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