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Hans Van de Wal graduated *cum laude* as master of laws at Antwerp University in 2007. He started working as a trainee at Elegis Antwerp in August 2007 under guidance of Peter Engels. He achieved the BUBA attestation (license to practice law as an attorney) in 2008.

After his traineeship and acceptance to the Bar in 2010, he continued to provide legal services as an attorney-at-law with Elegis.

Mr. Van de Wal specializes in contracts and commercial law as well as criminal law (white collar crime and business crime).

While assisting multinationals, banks and SMEs, legal services have been rendered going from legal opinions about basic contracts, existing contracts (commercial lease/sale/leasing/...) as well as litigation about the interpretation, application and execution of agreements. The same applies to contracting works: advice is rendered, assistance is provided in legal proceedings, including court surveys.

As far as criminal law is concerned, Mr. Van de Wal provides assistance in the pre-trial phase as well as during criminal proceedings for both suspects and victims.

Mr. Van de Wal is a member of the ECBA (European Criminal Bar Association) and several of its working groups. In this capacity, he is frequently asked to speak at ECBA conferences abroad as well as at seminars/conferences of ECBA partners, such as EULITA.

He is the author of an article in the magazine for legal professionals R.A.B.G.: "Het quasi onverjaarbare karakter van het gebruik van valse stukken", noot onder Gent, 27 februari 2014, *R.A.B.G.*, 2014, 1337.

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