



## **Stacey Smits**

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Admitted to the Bar in 2002

**Languages:** Dutch, French, English, German

### **Practice areas**

Real Estate & Construction

### **Education**

- Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, KUL (Law Degree, 2001)
- Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, KUL (Degree International Economics, Politics and Conflicts, 2002)

### **Why recommended**

Stacey combines her Real Estate and Corporate experience to assist and advise national and international real estate players, (including *inter alia* property investors, project developers, property managers, financial institutions), in their Belgium real estate activities. Among others, she provides expert legal advice and operational assistance in matters concerning the acquisition, sale, and management of real property in Belgium. She also advises and assists clients on construction law, lease and property right matters. Finally, she conducts litigation in front of the Belgian Courts in all the aforementioned matters.

Stacey is a key member of the firm's Real Estate team and regularly acts as counsel in corporate matters.

Stacey is a dynamic and proactive lawyer; she is praised by the firm's clients as someone who really "makes things happen".

### **Relevant experience**

- Advising and assisting a private UK investor in all legal matters relating to the daily management of its Belgium real estate portfolio (*inter alia* negotiating, drafting and reviewing of office and commercial lease agreements, advising and conducting litigation concerning tenant disputes, completion of construction works, recourse under architects and contractors 10-year liability warranty, etc.)
- Providing legal advice and assistance to property management firms in matters concerning their day-to-day operation
- Conducting litigation and parallel settlement negotiations for an international transport group in relation to tenant's defaulting on their sale and leaseback agreement
- Advising a foreign financial institution concerning its Belgian project development investment
- Assisting both landlords and lessees in the negotiation and drafting of their office lease agreements
- Counsel to German packaging company for the sale of its Belgian industrial site
- Counsel to international sportswear retail company regarding stability/construction issues in the store it leases
- Counsel to Belgian entity of an international power tool producer in various corporate matters