

GILLES LAGUESSE

PARTNER

Banking & Finance



ABOUT ME

I am a banking and finance lawyer, admitted to the Brussels Bar in 2008. My practice is built on banking litigation and bank liability.

I appear for banks, insurers, payment institutions and investment firms before the Belgian courts. I advise the same clients on regulation and compliance: licensing, AML/CFT, international sanctions, payment services, credit, securities and consumer protection.

I also work alongside in-house legal teams and other law firms on specific banking questions.

I have taught at ICHEC Brussels Management School for more than ten years and I head its law department. I sit as an arbitrator with CEPANI and with the Belgian Court of Arbitration for Sport.

I was Belgian junior badminton champion in 2004 and later chaired the Belgian French-speaking badminton league, which is where my work as a sports arbitrator comes from.

SKILLS

Banking litigation and bank liability, banking and financial regulation, compliance, AML/CFT and international sanctions, payment services and fraud, credit and security interests, investment services, consumer protection, enforcement and attachment.

Drafting of general banking terms and sector rules, support in licensing procedures and in regulatory audits and investigations, advocacy before the Belgian and European courts, teaching and training, including for the financial crime units of the Belgian federal police.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2026 - present: Ethikos, Brussels

Partner - Banking & Finance department

2008 - 2026: Brussels law firms

Attorney-at-law, then Partner - Banking & Finance

CEPANI and Belgian Court of Arbitration for Sport
Arbitrator

TEACHING

2015 - present: ICHEC Brussels Management School, Brussels

Professor of banking law, Head of the Law Department

Solvay Brussels School, Brussels

Former maître de conférences

Université de Liège

Former teaching assistant in banking law

PUBLICATIONS

Member of the editorial boards of Droit bancaire et financier (Larcier), Revue de droit commercial (Larcier) and Droit des affaires (Kluwer).

Author of more than forty contributions in Belgian banking and finance law, including the case-law barometer published in DAOR. Editor of droitbancaire.be and of its "Expresso de droit bancaire" series. Regular commentator in the national press.

EDUCATION

2008: Admitted to the Brussels Bar

2008: Specialisation in International Business Law - Universiteit Maastricht

2003 - 2008: Law degree, cum laude - Université de Liège

LANGUAGES

French: C2 - native

English: C1 - fully proficient

Dutch: B2 - professional working

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