

# **Paul Lefebvre**

# **Lawyer Arbitrator**

Born: Ghent, 21 December 1960

Native languages: bilingual French/Dutch; fluent in English, intermediate

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## Present professional status:

- Member of the Bar of the Supreme Court;

- Partner at HANOTIAU & VAN DEN BERG;

- Professor at the ICHEC in International Commercial Law and Dispute Resolution;
- Chairman and arbitrator in several CEPINA arbitrations and ad hoc arbitrations.

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### **OUALIFICATIONS**

- Law degree, High Honours, University of Ghent Law School [Rijksuniversiteit Gent], June 1983
- Certification of law degree in French, 1985
- Certificate in Accountancy, University of Gent [Universiteit Gent], 1981
- Certificate in Advanced English Business Law, City of London Polytechnics, 1983
- Degree "Droit Economique", High Honours (1984), Honours (1985), Free University of Brussels [Université Libre de Bruxelles], 1985
- First year, High Honours, "Droit Européen", at the Institute for European Studies of Brussels [Institut d'Etudes Européennes à Bruxelles], 1984

- Master of Law [LLM], University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, 1986 (Studied: Law of Peace, Law of Conflicts and Peaceful Settlements, Law of Treaties, International Private Law).

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **Present situation**

- Founding partner of Hanotiau & van den Berg in 2001; The firm was the Belgian Legal Award winner of the year both in 2006 and 2007 in the field of ADR & Arbitration
- Appointed by Royal Decree of 17 July 2001 member of the Bar of the Supreme Court (Cour de cassation / Hof van Cassatie)
- Chairman and arbitrator in several institutional and ad hoc arbitrations.
- Professor at the *Ichec* in Brussels, Master course, *International commercial law & dispute resolution*, 2008-2009, (taught in English)
- From 1995, member of the Institute of Financial Law, operating within the law faculty of the University of Ghent. Focus on corporate & securities law.

#### **Previous situation**

- Sworn in as member of the Brussels Bar, January, 1985:
  Supervising Attorney: Ludovic De Gryse, partner at Simont & Simont (presently Stibbe) and member of the Bar of the Belgian Supreme Court [Cour de Cassation]. Trained in specialised Supreme Court procedure and general commercial work, including bankruptcy law.
- Assisting Professor of Professor Willy De Clercq (Chair of Public Finance at University of Ghent).
- Trainee, Travers, Smith & Braithwaite (law firm), London, England, July October 1986.
- Assisting Professor of Professor Wymeersch (Chair of commercial law at the University of Ghent), February 1989 –1995 (six-year position).
- Associate, Stibbe, Blaisse en De Jong, August 1989 April 1991.
- Partner, Derks Star Busmann Hanotiau (made a partner in 1993), April 1991 2001.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

 Note in Dutch concerning the repurchase of unsold stock in case of unilateral termination of exclusive distributorship agreements, under a decision rendered by the Court of Appeals of Brussels, 5 November 1990, T.B.H., 1992, p. 515.

- Note in French concerning the loss of bearer shares, under a decision rendered by the Court of Appeals of Brussels, *T.B.H.*, 1993, p. 374.
- Note in French concerning the misuse of bank guarantees on first demand under a decision rendered by the Court of Appeals of Brussels, 26 June 1992, *T.B.H.*, 1994, p. 51.
- Article in Dutch concerning the civil law consequences of infringements/violations of the new financial legislation: in *Financial Recht tussen Oud en Nieuw*, (Ed. Wymeersch, E.), Maklu Uitgevers, 1996, p. 406.
- Article in English concerning the distributorship agreements under Belgian law [Callens & Lefebvre], Belgium, in *International Encyclopedia of Agency and Distribution Agreements*, Kluwer Law International, 1997.
- Article in German concerning the distributorship agreements and agency agreements under Belgian law, Belgium, in *Handbuch des Vertriebsrechts* (Eds. Martinek M., and Zemmler F.J.), C.H. Beck, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.
- Article in Dutch concerning the injunction procedure in financial matters, in *Artikelsgewijze Commentaar Financieel recht*, Kluwer.
- Article in Dutch concerning the information to be disclosed by stock-listed companies, in *Artikelsgewijze Commentaar Financieel recht*, Kluwer.
- Article in Dutch concerning the periodic information to be disclosed by stock-listed companies, in *Artikelsgewijze Commentaar Financieel recht*, Kluwer.
- Article in English concerning the Belgian civil and commercial procedure. [Ed. Shelby Grubbs] in *International Civil Procedure*. Kluwer International. 2003.
- Article in Dutch concerning modifications between categories of securities, in *Artikelsgewijze Commentaar Vennootschapsrecht*, Kluwer, 2006.
- Periodic summaries of Belgian court decisions for law journal *Revue de Droit Commercial / Tijdschrift Belgisch Handelsrecht*. In French and Dutch).
- Article in Dutch, about an autopsy of a drag along clause with a few private international law comments in *Liber Amicorum Prof. Wymeersch*, Intersentia, 2008.
- Article in Dutch concerning the public character of financial transactions, in Artikelsgewijze\_Commentaar Financieel recht, Kluwer, 2011.
- Article in English "Legal Professional Privilege: Comparing Different Approaches Within the United States and the European Union" by Paul LEFEBVRE, David J. ROSENBERG, Matthew ZWICK and Chloé VIALARD in Defense Counsel Journal, January 2012, vol. 79, n° 1, pp. 45-62.

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

- Instituut Financial law at the Ghent University;
- Belgian Centre for Arbitration and Mediation/Centre Belge d'Arbitrage et de Médiation/ Belgisch Centrum voor Arbitrage en Mediatie ;

- International Bar Association;
- International Association of Defense Counsel;
- Association Européenne pour le Droit Bancaire et Financier (AEDBF) / Europese Vereniging voor Bank-en Financieel Recht (EVBFR).
- The Cambridge Society of Belgium;
- Cercle Gaulois artistique et littéraire ;
- De Warande

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