



Catherine Baflast

Catherine is a Partner in the Corporate department of MNKS, having joined the team in 2002 from PricewaterhouseCoopers Luxembourg.

Catherine has experience in a wide range of areas, including personal tax compliance, advisory and payroll which she practiced with PricewaterhouseCoopers Luxembourg, as well as employment law and tax litigation.

Catherine has mainly focused on corporate law in recent years. She is particularly involved in the implementation of group structuring projects and deals regularly with mergers and acquisitions involving companies on the Luxembourg market.

In addition, she is well versed on the process of obtaining business licenses necessary for operational companies to carry on their activities in Luxembourg.

The variety of her experience means Catherine is frequently involved in multidisciplinary files, in which her versatile profile is a clear advantage.

She also strongly contributes to the organisation and functioning of the firm's risk management processes (i.e., client due diligence and post-closing procedures) and of the internal team dealing with the Luxembourg Trade and Companies Register.

Recent transactions

Catherine has recently worked on the following high profile transactions:

- assisting a global e-commerce leader since 2003 with numerous corporate transactions, including the establishment of its EU headquarters and regularly advising on corporate governance, financing and compliance matters;
- assisting a Dow 30 telecommunications company with the establishment of a restructuring strategy for its companies' group further to a recent acquisition on an international level of a new channel of operational companies;
- advising a global financial group traded on the NYSE in the context of the acquisition of an additional stake in a joint venture which operated as a bank in Luxembourg in a transaction involving EU merger regulation aspects;
- assisting a Luxembourg internet company with the legal establishment of its business relationship with the four largest music majors and also to permit the smooth entry of well-established local and international retail and institutional investors;
- assisting a leading internet company to strengthen its position in Europe, through the acquisition of the Luxembourg parent company of French and UK operational companies;
- assisting a leading Swedish sales and marketing company providing components for various major industries to develop its business through Europe by establishing an operational subsidiary in Luxembourg and to obtain the appropriate Luxembourg business license; and
- assisting a leading player in the fast-food industry in the Benelux area with the acquisition of a Luxembourg operational company running numerous fast-foods throughout the Luxembourg territory and with the legal framework of the commercial partnership to develop this particular industry in Luxembourg.

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Expertise

Mergers & Acquisitions
Corporate Structuring
Commercial – Contracts
Tax Litigation

Languages

French
English
German

Membership

BCC
CFCI

Bar Admission

Member of the Luxembourg Bar, 2004

Education

Law degree in private law, Robert Schuman University, Strasbourg (France), 1995

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