

ASSET RECOVERY, INSOLVENCY & (RE)STRUCTURING

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General

Billiet & Co is a reputed business law firm with over 40 years of experience. We are particularly known for thorough research and customized assistance. Our team of experts will listen to your needs and is ready to serve you.

Asset recovery, insolvency & (re)structuring is one of our fields of specialisation. Our team includes several bankruptcy liquidators and is frequently involved in the recovery of assets (in or outside a bankruptcy scenario) and in the restructuring of undertakings that encounter solvability risks.

Why clients choose us:

- **Business focus:** We adopt a hands on and customized approach that maximises business sense
- **Client-driven:** Through diagnosis we identify, together with the client, which legal path would best reflect the client's interests.
- **Outstanding reputation:** We have won numerous legal awards for excellence and outstanding services.
- **Interdisciplinary:** We closely work together with specialist accountants, tax advisors and other experts.
- **International reach:** We operate through a carefully selected network of foreign partners in over 50 jurisdictions.

We are at the forefront of current and future legal practices and are committed to using our knowledge and experience to always deliver excellent services.

Our team works in English, Dutch, French, Russian, German, Spanish, Greek, Ukrainian, and Romanian.

Asset recovery, insolvency and (re)structuring

Our firm regularly advises on large and complex restructurings, provides first class solutions, and ensures commercially sensible results. Members of our team routinely act as bankruptcy liquidators in sectors like telecommunication operations, construction, transport, publicity agencies and media. We advise lenders and investors at all levels of the capital structure as well as business executives, shareholders and directors from a range of fields, such as automobile, medical and retail. Our team also provides tailored assistance to enterprises under the Continuity of Enterprises Act, using the full range of options of restructuring procedures and judicial reorganisation.

Our recent experiences include:

- Filing **director liability claims** against former directors of bankrupt undertakings.
- Filing an **asset recovery claim** against the undertaking that obtained benefits not meeting market conditions prior to bankruptcy.
- **Divesting** part of a business in order to restore solvency.
- Obtaining the annulment of a **European Payment Order** through the review procedure for exceptional cases.
- Advising enterprises under the **Belgian Continuity of Enterprises Act** and obtaining a global agreement with all creditors.
- Depositing **civil claims in criminal procedures** in order to liberate and obtain assets.
- **Freezing and executing on assets** of stubborn debtors.
- **Restructuring various international associations and lobby groups** to optimize their functioning.
- **Designing the ideal corporate structure of new undertakings**, including subsidiaries and branch offices.
- Assisting in numerous **transfers of shares and business assets**.
- Setting up **Joint-Venture relationships**.
- Securing **investments** and **funding solutions** for various projects.
- Conducting **risk analyses** (self-assessments & due diligence) to identify preferred and needed measures.

Main contacts



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Johan is the founder of Billiet & Co and has over 40 years of experience in complex litigation, arbitration and Belgian commercial law at the Brussels Bar. He is admitted with the Belgian Supreme Court (*Cour de Cassation*) for criminal cases. He is the Chairman of the International Arbitration Court under the European Arbitration Chamber, the founder of the Association for International Arbitration, and the author of numerous books and articles. He lectures investment arbitration, dispute resolution and comparative arbitration at the Faculty of Law and Criminology of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. He obtained a masters in maritime law at Antwerp University and previously lectured financial law and corporate restructuring at EHSAL. He is a bankruptcy liquidator and a deputy judge. Johan works in French, English and Dutch.



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Maarten is an Attorney at Law and member of the Brussels bar. His areas of expertise include litigation, commercial insolvency law, bankruptcies and alternative dispute resolution. He provides legal services for expats and international companies in Belgium and has a special interest in the Spanish market. Maarten is a bankruptcy liquidator and is frequently appointed as an arbitrator in commercial disputes. He works in Dutch, English, French and Spanish.



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Philippe is an Attorney at Law and member of the Brussels Bar. He obtained his LL.M. in International Economic Law at the University of Warwick and lectures conflict resolution tools and strategies at Brussels VUB University. Philippe was one of the first mediators to obtain the EMTPJ (European Mediation Training for Practitioners of Justice) certification and frequently intervenes in matters that have a diplomatic dimension. He is vice-president of the *chambre d'arbitrage d'experts*, is a registered arbitrator with numerous institutions worldwide and is member of the advisory board to the Brussels Diplomatic Academy. He works in Dutch, French, English, speaks German and has notions of Polish.