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Nationality/ Date of Birth	Belgian / 20/05/1976

Educational/ Current position / Professional Experience

Educational

- *Master in law (Universiteit Gent), 1999*
- *Complementary Master in Economic Law (Université libre de Bruxelles), 2001*
- *Member of the Brussels Bar since 2009 (previously, since 2001, of the bars of Gent and Antwerp)*

Current position

Managing partner at Simont Braun (lawfirm).

Professional experience

Steven Callens has a broad expertise in dispute resolution with a particular focus on M&A, corporate law and corporate governance matters.

Steven is an expert in post-acquisition disputes, shareholder disputes and directors' liability cases.

Steven's combined expertise in dispute resolution (including arbitration) and corporate M&A matters is an important asset to clients as he can anticipate and prevent potential issues and, should a dispute occur, handle it in the best possible way.

Steven is a member of the Belgian Arbitration Institute (CEPANI), the International Bar Association (IBA), the Institute of Directors (GUBERNA) and the Luxembourg Arbitration Association (LAA).

Arbitration Experience

Experience as Arbitrator:

- *10 cases*
- *8 were domestic cases and 2 international*
- *8 as sole arbitrator and 2 as co-arbitrator*
- *9 were under the CEPANI Rules and 1 under the ICC Rules*

Experience as Counsel:

- *Numerous cases*
- *Both domestic and international (1 int'l with seat in Luxembourg and Luxembourg law as applicable law)*
- *Both ad hoc and under arbitral rules (ICC and CEPANI)*
- *Post-acquisition disputes, shareholder disputes, construction*

Publications and Speaking Engagements

- *"Sector specific M&A: Renewable energy M&A – Where is the value and where is the risk?" (AIJA, Valbella, Jan. 2018)*
- *"De hervorming van het Wetboek van Vennootschappen" (Women on Board, Dec. 2017)*
- *"De hervorming van het Wetboek van Vennootschappen" (Client seminar, Nov. 2017)*
- *"Transactions involving distressed properties" (AIJA, Parma, April 2017)*
- *"Specific clauses in asset purchase agreements" (AIJA, Lille, Oct. 2016)*
- *"Security instruments for payment of the purchase price and other claims" (AIJA, Budapest, April 2016)*
- *"The True Value of Shareholders' Agreements" (AIJA, Val Gardena, Italy, Jan. 2016)*

- *“Workshop on dispute resolution in M&A transactions – what happens when your M&A deal goes sour” (AIJA, Santiago de Chile, Nov. 2014)*
- *“Ethical issues relating to third party funding and counsel remuneration” (AIJA, Prague, August 2014)*
- *“Equity financing for M&A transactions” (AIJA, London, April 2014)*
- *“The end of the deal: renegotiation clauses and (reverse) break-up fees” (AIJA, Chamonix, Jan. 2013)*
- *“Getting the deal done: indemnification tools” (AIJA, Milan, Oct. 2012)*
- *“De verantwoordelijkheden van bestuurders, zaakvoerders in vennootschap” (Koninklijke Vereniging van Accountants en Boekhouders van België, Ghent, May 2011)*

Languages

Dutch: native
French: fluent
English: fluent