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Automatisch gegenereerde beschrijving

**Lieven Bogaert**

Date of birth: 28/09/1972 **|** Nationality: BE **|** Gender: Male  **|**

Belgium

**PROPOSED POSITION: Data Protection Specialist**

Lieven Bogaert is a highly experienced corporate lawyer with over 25 years of legal expertise, including substantial specialisation in data protection and privacy law. Since obtaining his Data Protection Officer credential in 2016, he has actively served as DPO for multiple organisations whilst providing comprehensive counsel on GDPR compliance, data privacy frameworks, and regulatory implementation strategies.

As Partner at Advocom Advocaten & Bemiddelaars since 2009, Lieven combines his deep understanding of corporate law with practical data protection experience, ensuring organisations achieve robust compliance with Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR) and related privacy legislation. His expertise spans privacy impact assessments, data processing agreements, breach notification procedures, and cross-border data transfer mechanisms.

Lieven's unique background bridges traditional corporate law with modern data protection requirements, having supported numerous M&A transactions where data privacy due diligence was critical, and negotiating complex IT contracts with embedded privacy-by-design principles. His multilingual capabilities and international experience enable him to navigate complex regulatory landscapes across European jurisdictions.

**WORK EXPERIENCE**



10/2009 – Ongoing Belgium

**Partner** – Advocom Advocaten & Bemiddelaars

Lead comprehensive legal services with particular focus on data protection compliance and privacy law implementation. Serve as appointed Data Protection Officer for multiple client organisations, ensuring adherence to GDPR requirements through policy development, staff training, and regulatory reporting. Conduct privacy impact assessments, develop data processing agreements, and manage breach notification procedures in accordance with Article 33 and 34 requirements.

Provide specialised counsel on M&A transactions involving significant data protection considerations, including due diligence on data processing activities, privacy compliance audits, and post-merger integration of privacy frameworks. Negotiate complex IT contracts incorporating privacy-by-design principles and ensuring compliance with data transfer regulations including Standard Contractual Clauses and adequacy decisions.



09/2006 - 10/2009; Belgium

**Attorney-at-Law** – www.bogaert-law.be

Established independent legal practice specialising in corporate law and emerging data protection requirements. Developed expertise in privacy legislation interpretation and practical implementation, laying the foundation for subsequent DPO specialisation. Provided counsel on commercial contracts with particular attention to data processing clauses and privacy obligations.



01/2005 - 08/2006; Belgium

**Legal Counsel Private Equity** – LRM

Provided in-house legal support for private equity transactions, including early experience with data protection considerations in due diligence processes. Managed corporate governance requirements and compliance frameworks, developing skills subsequently applied to privacy governance structures. Supported portfolio companies with regulatory compliance requirements including emerging data protection obligations.



08/2002 - 12/2004; Belgium

**Senior Corporate International Tax Consultant** – Deloitte



01/2001 - 08/2002; Belgium

**Corporate International Tax Consultant** – Arthur Andersen & Co.



09/1995 - 12/2000; Belgium

**Lawyer** – Knapen Lawfirm

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**



06/2016 - 06/2016

**Data Protection Officer** - Data Protection Institute

10/2005 - 06/2007

**Master in Business Administration** – University of Hasselt

cum laude

09/2000 - 06/2002

**Graduate Tax** - Fiscale Hogeschool Brussel

09/1994 - 06/1995

**Erasmus Law** – University of Heidelberg

10/1992 - 06/1994

**Master in Law** – KU Leuven

10/1990 - 06/1992

**Bachelor in Law** – University of Namur

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**



|  | UNDERSTANDING | | SPEAKING | | WRITING |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Listening | Reading | Spoken production | Spoken interaction |  |
| **Dutch** | C2 | C2 | C2 | C2 | C2 | |
| **English** | C1 | C1 | C1 | C1 | C1 | |
| **French** | C1 | C1 | C1 | C1 | C1 | |

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

**DIGITAL SKILLS**



Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A), Commercial Contracts, IT Law, Corporate Law, Legal Compliance, Risk Management

**COMMUNICATION AND ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS**



**Communication skills**



* **Legal Counsel & Explanation:** Providing legal counsel on M&A transactions and commercial contracts requires the ability to explain complex legal concepts clearly to clients.
* **Cross-cultural Communication:** His C1 proficiency in English and French, along with his Master in Business Administration and international work experience, indicates an ability to communicate effectively across diverse cultural and professional backgrounds.
* **Negotiation:** His specialization in M&A and commercial contracts, and his explicit mention of "excellent communication skills gained through many years of practising law," implies strong negotiation abilities essential for reaching favorable agreements.

**Organisational skills**



* **Project Management: Lieven has a strong track record in providing legal support for corporate transactions and commercial agreements, which requires managing complex processes and multiple stakeholders.**
* **Strategic Planning: As a Partner at Advocom Advocaten & Bemiddelaars, he is responsible for the direction and growth of the firm, indicating strategic foresight.**
* **Prioritization: His expertise in M&A, commercial contracts, and IT law, coupled with holding the DPO role for several organizations, demonstrates the ability to manage diverse and critical responsibilities effectively.**