

CV

Daphne Vervaeet

Partner

Admitted to the Brussels Bar, Belgium (2005-2011, 2020)

Practices in Dutch, French and English

Education

Daphne Vervaeet graduated in law from the University of Ghent (UGent, magna cum laude) and obtained an LL.M. degree in International Business and Corporate Law from the University of Lancaster, UK. She also followed the Special Degree in Intellectual Property Rights at the University of Brussel (VUB).

Professional experience

Daphne has been a law practitioner since 2005 and started her career as an attorney-at-law at the Brussels bar. Having worked in two different top tier law firms, she gained experience as a litigator, representing clients from a wide variety of sectors in disputes relating to different areas of intellectual property law, anti-counterfeit, parallel import, unfair market practices and commercial law. She furthermore advised and assisted clients with the drafting and negotiation of contracts including distribution and license agreements as well as large outsourcing contracts. Daphne then moved on to take up the position of in-house legal counsel with one of the world's largest FMCG companies. Within the BeNeFrance legal team, she advised her internal business clients on various aspects of commercial and competition law and assisted them in securing solid contracts. The passion for intellectual property, however, persuaded Daphne in 2013 to join the Brussels office of a pan-European IP firm. As a trademark attorney, she was responsible for advising, managing, protecting and optimizing the trademark (and other IP rights) portfolios of a large number of clients, ranging from small and local enterprises to large multinational corporations. During her most recent years, Daphne gained considerable management and business development skills and was also responsible for consolidating and further developing the relationship with existing clients as well as with new customers. Using a combination of her sound legal background and knowledge with her business-oriented approach, Daphne is responsible for the prosecution and formalities department at Fencer. Referred to as someone who *“operates with her head on a swivel and who can see any challenge to her clients’ market position coming a mile off so she can nip it in the bud”* in the WTR 1000 2019 and described as *“very smart, thorough and effective”* in the WTR 1000 2018.

Memberships

BMM (Benelux Association for Trade Mark and Design Law - member of the Program Commission)
INTA (International Trademark Association)

Articles

Chapter on “Aanvraag en bescherming van de domeinnaam” in Recht en Elektronische handel -
Patrick Van Eecke (ed.)