

Kennedy Van der Laan

Press Release

Kennedy Van der Laan Appoints Jens van den Brink, Hester de Vries en Jan Schouten as Partners

AMSTERDAM, 8 January 2010 – Kennedy Van der Laan has appointed Jens van den Brink, Hester de Vries and Jan Schouten as partners as of 1 January 2010. Jens van den Brink (35) specializes in intellectual property law and press law and focuses on working for the media; Hester de Vries (46) is a specialist in the field of privacy and the protection of personal data; and Jan Schouten (39) is an expert in the field of notarial corporate law.

Joost Linnemann, managing partner of Kennedy Van der Laan, is very pleased with the appointments. “In times like these, with many different challenges, it is good that enthusiastic, talented partners will contribute to the further expansion of our practice. All three partners combine high-quality substantial expertise with a thorough knowledge of the commercial settings in which their clients operate. They fit excellently into the partners’ team of Kennedy Van der Laan.”



Jens van den Brink

Jens van den Brink studied law at the University of Amsterdam, Columbia University (NY) and King’s College London. He is a member of the Intellectual Property and Media Law Practice Group. Jens specializes in working for the media and his clients include publishers, newspapers, broadcasting corporations, TV producers and internet media. This means a focus on defamation, copyright, image rights and internet-related issues. Additionally, he handles many trademark cases. He is a (guest) lecturer in intellectual property law and press law at the *Media Academy* and the *School for Journalism* (Utrecht) and guest lecturer of internet law at the VU University Amsterdam.

Jens van den Brink

Jens is co-author of the *International Libel & Privacy Handbook* (Bloomberg, 2009), the *Chronicle Media Law 2006-2009* (*Mediaforum*, 2009) and is chief editor of the media law blog *Media Report*.



Hester de Vries

Hester de Vries studied law in Amsterdam and obtained her doctorate on the legal aspects of home telematics in 1993 at VU University Amsterdam. After that, Hester worked as a researcher at the University of Amsterdam and as senior policy officer at the Data Protection Commission (*College Bescherming Persoonsgegevens*). Hester joined Kennedy Van der Laan as an attorney in 2000. She is a specialist in the field of privacy and the protection of personal data. Hester advises businesses on

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various aspects of privacy law, such as e-marketing, personal data transfer, personnel tracking systems etcetera. She is involved in projects such as the public transport chip card, the smart energy meter and the electronic patient record.

Hester became an associate partner in 2008. She is chairwoman of the Privacy Law Association and member of the editorial staff of the journals *Privacy & Informatie* and *Computerrecht* and of Kluwer's On-line Module Privacy. Hester is also a lecturer at the Computer Law Institute of VU University Amsterdam.



Jan Schouten

Jan Schouten studied comparative private law at the Università degli Studi di Pavia in Italy and notarial law at Leiden University. He joined Kennedy Van der Laan as a junior civil-law notary in 2006. Jan brought along ten years of experience in notarial corporate law. In his practice he advises Dutch and foreign companies and banks with regard to cross-border reorganizations, acquisitions, investments, joint ventures, securities, shareholder structures and corporate governance. Jan is a member of the Italian Chamber of Commerce for the Netherlands and mans the Italian desk of Kennedy Van der Laan.

Jan Schouten

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