

# Kennedy Van der Laan

Press release

## Marian Kennedy leaves Kennedy Van der Laan

Amsterdam, 27 November 2007 – Marian Kennedy, partner and co-founder of Kennedy Van der Laan is leaving the firm as of 31 December 2007. She will remain an advisor to Kennedy Van der Laan in an *of counsel* role.



“Marian is a role model for many both within and outside of the firm. She has realized her dream of creating, together with several colleagues, a new type of law firm in Amsterdam and growing this firm to be one of the leading law firms in The Netherlands,” says Joost Linnemann, Managing Partner of Kennedy Van der Laan. “Full of energy, unconventional, and always committed to strengthening the position of women in society in general and in law practice in particular. We will miss her but at the same time we can only admire the step she is now taking. We are very happy that we will continue to enjoy the benefit of her experience and expertise in her new role as *of counsel*.”

Marian Kennedy (59) started her legal career in the United States, as an attorney in California and later New York. In 1986 she moved to

The Netherlands and quickly earned a Dutch law degree. In 1992 she launched Kennedy Van der Laan together with ten other (male) Dutch attorneys and focussed on binding top international and national clients to the new law firm. Kennedy Van der Laan, the first law firm in The Netherlands with a dedicated team for the technology sector, has grown in the last 15 years to be one of the top independent law firms in The Netherlands.

“I am proud of what we have all accomplished in fifteen years: we are commercially and financially successful but we have also kept a clear focus on our role in society and on supporting our own people,” says Marian Kennedy. “It has been a wonderful fifteen years, but it is enough. I am leaving Kennedy Van der Laan with a very positive feeling, knowing that the firm will do just fine without me. I am ready for a new adventure.” Marian Kennedy will move to Cambridge, Massachusetts in 2008.

### **End of press release**

#### **About Kennedy Van der Laan:**

*Kennedy Van der Laan was launched in 1992 and is now one of the top 20 law firms in The Netherlands. The firm represents the interests of globally and nationally operating businesses, starters, and (semi) governmental bodies. The mission of Kennedy Van der Laan is to provide the best possible legal guidance and expertise to clients and at the same time to live our commitment to run our business in a socially responsible way.*

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