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Kennedy Van der Laan is a major force in the telecommunications legal market in The Netherlands as it represents the second largest provider of mobile telecommunications services in the Netherlands, the challenger to the former monopoly incumbent. From this position, our attorneys are at the center of all developments in telecommunications law and regulations and play a key role in much of the ground-breaking litigation. Our telecommunications practice also extends to fixed-line telephony, carrier-select services, and cable telephony. We represent not only providers of telecommunication services but large corporate users, particularly in acquiring telecommunications services and in disputes with telecommunication providers.

Telecommunications, media and Internet are no longer separate technologies nor separate commercial markets. This market convergence is driven by technological innovations as well as new market demands. Our clients are active in overlapping markets and need attorneys experienced in them all. Kennedy Van der Laan attorneys understand the impact of this market convergence and have the knowledge and experience to give expert legal advice in a changing technical, commercial and legal environment.

Track Record Telecommunications

For a major international mobile telephone provider

- Regulatory advice and litigation, civil law advice and litigation regarding
 - Number portability
 - Interoperability
 - Personal data privacy under telecom laws
 - Antenna location points and site sharing
 - Response to demands for information from law enforcement authorities
 - Product safety, packaging, and other requirements for telephone equipment
 - Liability as ISP for content uploaded by users
 - Liability for content of third parties accessible via Internet or via a Vodafone portal
- Dealer network advice
- Competition law advice
- In-house competition law trainings for legal department
- General terms and conditions applicable to consumers
- General terms and conditions in B2B relationship

- Distribution agreements for mobile telephone subscriptions and in some cases mobile telephones
- Contracts with propriety retail stores and with retail stores of third parties
- Standard purchase contracts
- In-house workshops for legal counsel on IT and IP issues
- Advice regarding law on games of chance and advertisements
- Content licenses (games, ringtones, photo's, music)
- Draft local standard contracts for content; conduct negotiations with local providers

For the Dutch subsidiary of an international provider of telecom services via the cable

- Advice regarding fixed network services
- Conflicts with local governments regarding cable placement rights and the costs thereof
- Advice and litigation with KPN (the former monopoly telecom company) regarding interoperability
- Advice and conflicts regarding advertisements
- Advice regarding competition law issues
- Advice regarding conflict over access to satellite platform for broadcasting

For a carrier-select and pre-select telecom services provider

- Litigation regarding rights to client information

For a provider of telecom services to the business market via fixed networks

- Litigation regarding interoperability

For a provider of telecom services to business market

- Payment disputes with the Dutch former monopoly provider

For a provider of co-location facilities

- Standard contracts and general commercial advice

For a Dutch international manufacturing company

- Litigation against the provider regarding a corporate telecommunications system

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