

Education

- 2004-2005 **Harvard Law School**, Cambridge, MA, LL.M. (focus on negotiation and corporate law). Average: A-
- Fulbright scholar: Frank Boas scholarship (full grant administered by the Harvard University Committee on General Scholarships)
 - Belgian American Educational Foundation (BAEF) scholar
- 1999 – 2002 **Université Catholique de Louvain**, - “Licence” in Law
magna cum laude
Universidad Pontificia Comillas -Erasmus exchange program in Madrid, Spain.
- 1997 – 1999 **Facultés Universitaires Saint-Louis** and **Katholieke Universiteit Brussel**
“Candidature” in Law (Bilingual program French-Dutch).
magna cum laude

Professional Experience

Public service

October 2015 – present: Chief of Staff to the Deputy Prime Minister Didier Reynders
Negotiation of all matters of domestic policy. Lead and coordination on the matters followed by the various advisors.

February 2012 – October 2015: **Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Deputy Prime Minister** in matters related to Justice, Asylum and Migration and Economic Affairs. Entrusted with the negotiation of the draft laws issued by the respective Ministers in these areas.

Boards of Directors

- *May 2013 – present: Member of the Board of Directors of Ackermans & van Haaren
- *2015 – present: Member of the Board of Directors of the SRIB / GIMB
- *June 2014 – present: Member of the Board of Directors of Toolbox vzw
- *June 2016 – present: Member of the Board of Directors of Guberna
- *April 2017 - present: selected as one of the European David Rockefeller Fellows of the Trilateral Commission for the 2018-2020 Triennium.

Law Firms:

*April 2007 – January 2012: **Linklaters LLP**: *Avocat / Advocaat*, “managing associate” (i.e. senior associate) in the corporate department.

Private M&A experience:

carried out transactions; negotiated and drafted share purchase agreements, shareholders’ agreements and stock option plans; coordinated due diligence teams; coordinated the closing of several transactions.

Public M&A experience:

advised both issuers and underwriters in IPOs; carried out takeovers and squeeze-out offers;

drafted trial briefs for various litigation; carried out share buybacks and capital increases in listed companies;

Company law: drafted numerous advices in technical company law issues.

Involved in various committees (recruitment, gender diversity) and initiatives of the firm (took the lead on setting up a whole new summer student program, coordinated several marketing and K&L actions).

Trained the Brussels' and Paris partners in negotiation.

*September 2002 - October 2006 (with 1 year interruption for LL.M degree): **Clifford Chance, Brussels & New York offices** (5 months in New York office from Aug 2005 to Dec 2005): associate in corporate and finance

In-house counsel

* May – August 2011: performed an interim as legal counsel at **Ackermans & van Haaren**. Drafted various contracts and handled M&A transactions.

Academics:

*September 2002 - April 2007 (with 1 year interruption for LL.M degree): **Université Catholique de Louvain**: Assistant to professors J. Malherbe/ Yves De Cordt in corporate law (teaching and research in corporate law and corporate governance issues).

*January 2006 and January 2007: **Harvard Program on Negotiation**: Selected by the Harvard faculty as Teaching Assistant in the Winter Term Negotiation Workshop led by Prof. Robert Mnookin.

Negotiation:

*March 2006 - 2009: Teaching assistant Instituut voor contractenrecht, **Katholieke Universiteit Leuven** – participated to launching the first negotiation workshop at a Belgian law school.

*January 2006 - present: **negotiation teaching**: taught several courses in negotiation, whether as a teaching assistant at university (Harvard Law School / KUL / UCL), at the European Commission, at the University Of Amsterdam, at Linklaters, at the Olivaint Conference of Belgium or for private companies (including as trainer for the Solvay Brussels School – Executive Education) .

Other Experience

October 2012 – present: elected on the **Counsel of the municipality** of Sint-Pieters-Woluwe. President of the MR of Woluwe-St-Pierre

October 2010 – January 2012: **Crides-Jean Renault** (research centre in corporate law of the UCL) – “collaboratrice scientifique”: published several articles

Language skills

Fluent in **French, Dutch, English** (grew up in the US/UK), and **Spanish** (studied at the Universidad Pontificia Comillas in Madrid)

Bar Memberships

Member of the Brussels Bar (until January 2012)

Member of the New York Bar

Extracurricular activities, association memberships, leadership positions and awards

2006-present Member of **Bu!ld** (bilingual club of professionals)

2005-present Vice-President (until 2010), member of the **Harvard Club** of Belgium

Publications and seminars

- F. De Bauw & A. Bertrand, « Les pouvoirs des actionnaires », séminaire Vanham & Vanham du 20 mai 2010, 42 p. Publication presented at the Vanham Seminar of 20 May 2010.
- E. Pottier & A. Bertrand, « Gestion journalière : la prudence s'impose », Note sous Cass. 26 février 2009, *R.D.C.*, 2009/9, p. 951-955.
- A. Bertrand & A. Coibion, "Shareholder suits against the directors of a company, against other shareholders and against the company itself under Belgian law", *European Company Law Review*, Aug. 2009, Vol. 6, pp. 270-306. Publication presented at a seminar in Vienna in November 2008.
- A. Bertrand, « Guy Keutgen, un professeur engagé », *Liber amicorum Guy Keutgen*, Bruxelles, Bruylant, 2008, pp. 57-60.
- Ph. Lambrecht & A. Bertrand, « L'OPA obligatoire : le seuil de déclenchement, le prix et les exceptions », Centre Jean Renaud, *La réforme de la réglementation sur les offres publiques d'acquisition*, Kluwer, 2007, pp. 173-219. Publication presented at a seminar at the UCL in October 2007.
- Y. De Cordt & A. Bertrand, "L'assemblée générale", Centre Jean Renaud, *Evolution et Perspectives du droit des sociétés*, Bruxelles, Bruylant, 2006, pp. 285-332. Publication presented at a seminar at the UCL in October 2006.
- A. Bertrand, "Distribution de dividende en cours d'exercice : consécration d'une pratique admise", *Journal des Tribunaux*, liv. 6128, pp. 158. (article on dividend distributions).
- Participation (update of the sections on capital and on restructurings including the redaction of the section on merges and takeovers) to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd edition of the handbook J.Malherbe, Ph.Malherbe, Ph. Lambrecht, Y. De Cordt, *Droit des sociétés, Précis. Droit Communautaire, droit belge*, handbook on company law (850 pages), Brussels, Bruylant, 2004.
- Seminar in company law: "L'assemblée générale de la société anonyme en question" (the general meeting of shareholders under question) under the direction of professor Guy Keutgen in last year of law (2002) marked 18/20 and quoted in the quarterly newsletter of the Belgian Directors' Institute of June 2002 as a "very successful paper" (*Corporate Governance*, June 2002, nr 10, page 14).

Hobbies

Sports (tennis, jogging...)

Bringing people together