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Overview

Christel is a senior counsel in Dentons' Luxembourg office and head of the Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy practice. She is also a member of the Luxembourg Real Estate practice. Having assisted domestic and international companies on complex and major local real estate transactions, Christel focuses on acquisitions, leasing, asset management issues, property management, building renovations, environmental matters, emphyteutic leases, mechanics' lien claims, lessor/tenant or construction disputes, and real estate security packages.

With sound experience in European Insolvency law, Christel also focuses on workouts and turnarounds, corporate and debt restructurings, pre-insolvency issues, directors' liability, bankruptcy proceedings, voluntary liquidations, COMI shift issues, and complex cross-border insolvencies. She has advised equity investors, secured lenders, unsecured creditors, and renowned real estate groups. In addition, Christel has particular capabilities in assisting clients on contract law, due diligence, and drafting and negotiating numerous types of agreements (such as sale and purchase agreements, distribution agreements, lease agreements, termination agreements, employment contracts, etc.).

Recognition

- Named a Fellow of *INSOL International*, a worldwide federation of national associations for accountants and lawyers who specialize in turnaround and insolvency. This award is in recognition of her experience and skill in cross-border insolvency matters. A Fellow must have successfully completed INSOL International's Global Insolvency Practice Course, an LL.M.-level program that teaches participants the underlying principles, statutes, regulatory frameworks and insolvency restructuring regimes in countries around the globe. Graduates are skilled in the tools needed for recognition of insolvency proceedings in multiple jurisdictions, including the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency, the European Community Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings and Chapter 15 of the United States Bankruptcy Code.
- *The Legal 500 Luxembourg 2023* – Real Estate, Key Lawyer: "Christel Dumont is extremely dedicated and very experienced, available and always delivers high-quality assistance on time even under stressful situations. She stands out also because she has deep knowledge of real estate, not only on legal matters but also on technical elements."

- *The Legal 500 Luxembourg 2023* – Real Estate, Tier 1: "Dentons' four-strong team "combines high technical and negotiation skills" on behalf of a broad range of stakeholders, ensuring that it is well-placed to advise on significant domestic developments, as well as providing the Luxembourg structuring on large cross-border European real estate deals. Senior counsel Christel Dumont is an integral member of the team and "has deep knowledge of real estate".
- *Chambers & Partners Luxembourg 2023* – Real Estate, Band 3: "Christel Dumont assists clients with construction projects, as well as advising on co-ownership agreements." "We received very good service. Christel was always quick in responses, and always available to help us."
- *The Legal 500 Luxembourg 2022* – Real Estate, Next Generation Partner: "We have been working a lot with Christel Dumont who made herself available whenever needed, worked very hard and brought to the table excellent and legally sound solutions. Christel is very knowledgeable and has an acute understanding of the sensitivity and confidentiality aspects of the project we are working on with her."
- *The Legal 500 Luxembourg 2022* – Real Estate, Tier 1: "Able to draw upon a "deep knowledge" of the domestic real estate sector, Dentons provides "high-quality support" to institutional investors, promoters and sellers across a range of domestic and cross-border work relating to offices, retail and logistics. "They have deep knowledge of the Luxembourg real estate sector and are very experienced in advising public and private sector clients in large real estate and construction projects and handling difficult and sensitive topics."
- *Chambers & Partners Luxembourg 2022* – Real Estate, Band 1: "Dentons remains a market-leading team with notable experience in transactions in the office and residential areas. The law firm is also esteemed for handling construction and development projects. Team members often represent clients in negotiations over lease agreements and co-ownership agreements." The Luxembourg real estate team works with the firm's offices across Europe on cross-border transactions. A client praises the firm's strength on multi-jurisdictional matters, reporting: "It was a cross-border transaction and Dentons was able to bring in the right people at the right level."
- *The Legal 500 2020*: Recognized as a rising star in Real Estate and Construction in Luxembourg. "Christel Dumont is extremely good at presenting information to an international investor which is unfamiliar with the local market".
- *Chambers Europe 2020*: Recognized as a leading individual in Real Estate in Luxembourg (Band 3). Sources report that "she is very experienced, with a really high level of skill."
- *Chambers Europe 2019*: Recognized as a leading individual in Real Estate in Luxembourg (Band 3). "Christel Dumont often advises international clients on the Luxembourg aspects of their real estate activities, such as transactions and lease agreements, as well as offering experience in construction projects."
- *The Legal 500 2019*: Recommended for Real Estate and Construction in Luxembourg.
- *Chambers Europe 2018*: Recognized as a leading individual in Real Estate in Luxembourg (Band 3). According to sources, "Christel Dumont is "focused on real estate" and earns praise for her "really good" work. Dumont takes a prominent role in the team and assists with sales, acquisitions and leasing matters, acting for local and international clients."
- *The Legal 500 2018*: Recommended for Real Estate and Construction in Luxembourg."
- *Chambers Europe 2015*: Recognized as a leading individual in Real Estate in Luxembourg. "Christel Dumont focuses on real estate transactions but offers additional expertise in environmental and administrative matters. Clients praise her 'deep knowledge of real estate, not only from the legal side but also on the technical side'".

Insights

- Co-author, "La pollution des sites d'exploitation à l'épreuve de la faillite", *Revue Luxembourgeoise de Droit Immobilier, Legitech*, #06, April 2020

- Co-author, "**Luxembourg insolvency alert - Luxembourg suspends deadline to file for insolvency**", Dentons client alert, April 2020
- Co-author, "**Lutte contre le blanchiment et contre le financement du terrorisme : extension des obligations aux promoteurs et agents immobiliers**", Dentons client alert, March 2020
- "**Luxembourg Real Estate -Tax and Legal Developments**", Dentons Client Alert, March 2017
- "**Luxembourg Chapter in Getting the Deal Through - Restructuring & Insolvency 2017**", *Law Business Research Ltd*, November 2016.
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- Co-author, "Les Codes Promoculture–Larcier, Droit de la construction et de l'immobilier," *Promoculture-Larcier*, 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013 editions
- Co-author "L'immobilier commercial : la multiplication des transactions est-elle liée à un assouplissement législatif des autorisations dites 'grandes surfaces'?", *AGEFI*, April 2014
- Author, Luxembourg – To be or not be dead : What happens to a Luxembourgish company after the closure of its bankruptcy proceedings ?", *Global Insolvency & Restructuring Review*, Euromoney, 2014-2015
- Co-author, "**Luxembourg Chapter in Getting the Deal Through – Restructuring & Insolvency 2015**," *Law Business Research Ltd*, November 2014
- Co-author, "Luxembourg Sale and Lease Back Transactions", *IBA Real Estate Newsletter*, May 2013
- Author, "Share deal ou asset deal? Le choix cornélien de l'investisseur pour structurer son acquisition", *AGEFI*, April 2013
- Co-Author, "Can you see the light at the end of the tunnel?: report on the modernisation of insolvency Law," *Eurofenix*, Insol Europe, Autumn 2013
- Co-author "Being a bondholder in a distressed situation: the debt equity swap route – a vessel fraught with pitfalls?", *Global Insolvency & Restructuring Review*, Euromoney, 2012-2013
- Co-author, "Directors' duties and liabilities in case of financial difficulties of a company or 'Sisyphus at work' – the Luxembourg view," *Global Insolvency & Restructuring Review*, Euromoney, 2011-2012

Activities and Affiliations

- Member, INSOL Europe
- Member, IWIRC (International Women Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation)

Prior and Present Employment

- Joined Dentons in 2016
- Senior Counsel, Bonn Steichen & Partners (2015-2016)
- Partner, OPF Partners (now Dentons) (2004-2015)
- In-house Lawyer, Credit Lyonnais, Luxembourg (2003-2004)
- Senior Associate, Ritsch & Grozinger (1996-2002)
- Attorney, Reding & Felten (1994-1996)

Education

- University of Burgundy, 1992,
Post Graduate Diploma (DESS) in International Law and Contracts
- University of Lyon III, 1991, Master's Degree in Private Law

Admissions and qualifications

- Member, Luxembourg Bar, 1994