

Dentons strengthens Banking and Finance practice in Amsterdam with double hire

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Dentons has strengthened its Banking and Finance practice in Amsterdam with the recruitment of two new partners, Arno Voerman and Pien Kerckhaert. Their arrival on April 1, 2020 represents yet another high-profile addition to the practice, bolstering the team's capabilities in FinTech and financial regulation.

"Over the last couple of years, we have built a full-service Banking and Finance practice in the Netherlands. With the most recent recruitment of Arno and Pien, combined with last year's hire of Jacqueline Bell and her English law lending team, we now have a powerhouse team to address the growing needs of our clients." says partner Marcel Janssen, Head of the Banking and Finance practice in the Netherlands. "Amsterdam has a great history of financial innovation. Today, it is one of Europe's leading financial centers and has emerged as an international FinTech hub by making sure that startups can rely on excellent infrastructure, talented people from around the world, and a nurturing ecosystem to support innovation."

Arno Voerman joins Dentons from Van Doorne, where he co-led the FinTech and Payments team. The only lawyer ranked in Band 1 for FinTech Legal in the Netherlands by Chambers & Partners, he offers market-leading legal capabilities in payments, credit cards, e-money, consumer credit, cryptocurrencies and alternative finance. He advises Dutch and foreign financial institutions, FinTech companies and investors on market entry, license applications, and product launches. He is also active in financial litigation, and provides advice on compliance and supervision, as well as the enforcement measures of the Dutch financial supervisors DNB and AFM.

Pien Kerckhaert joins from Finnius Advocaten, where she was a counsel. She is an experienced financial regulatory lawyer, advising financial institutions on securities law and financial supervision law, and a broader portfolio of clients on the application and impact of financial regulatory laws such as Solvency II, MiFID II, AIFMD and CRD IV/CRR. She also has extensive experience with the regulation of consumer credit and insurance brokerage services. In addition, she assists clients with respect to the development of new products, and she regularly assists client in respect of acquisitions within the financial sector.

"FinTechs do not stop at national borders", Arno Voerman says, "From a financial regulatory perspective, doing business in various countries is challenging to say the least. Being part of the world's largest firm, I am better positioned to work with my new colleagues to help my clients with those challenges. I look forward to assisting international FinTech clients that want to start their European operations in the Netherlands. For FinTechs, Amsterdam really is the place to be!"

"It is a thrilling time to be a financial regulatory lawyer", Pien Kerckhaert says. "The regulatory landscape is rapidly changing and is subject to perpetual legislative developments. In recent years, we have seen that new financial regulatory legislation is increasingly laid down in European regulations, leaving less room for deviations on a national level. Dentons' extensive and high-quality global coverage will enable me to better navigate my clients through the ever-evolving web of regulations, applying a European-based approach when needed."

Dentons' Banking and Finance practice includes more than 900 lawyers worldwide.

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