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**Practice Areas**

- Antitrust
- Privacy & Data Protection
- Corporate/Securities
- Plaintiff's Recovery
- Product Risk Management
- European Practice
- International Business
- Technology, Media & Telecommunications
- Distribution Management & Brand Stewardship

**Thomas De Meese** is a partner in the Brussels office of Crowell & Moring and has been a member of the Brussels bar since 1993. He specializes in competition, telecommunications, media and technology law and gambling regulatory matters. Thomas' expertise includes day to day counseling on distribution issues, technology licensing, patent pools, joint bidding, standard setting, dominance issues, the activities of trade associations, etc. He has developed and implemented pan-European antitrust compliance and training programs for multinational companies. He represents complainants and defendants in competition investigations with both the Belgian Competition Authority and the EC Commission. Thomas regularly litigates competition cases before national courts. He has also worked on several merger filings with the Belgian Competition Authority and the European Commission.

Thomas assists clients on e-commerce and Internet-related issues such as ISP-liability, data protection, online services, distance selling, and e-advertisement. He regularly drafts and negotiates complex telecommunication agreements such as MVNO deals or interconnection agreements. He is involved in complex litigation in the media and telecommunications sector. He regularly represents one of the main players in the field of internet, telephony and interactive digital TV in Flanders in contentious and non-contentious matters. He has also represented the Belgian federal telecommunications regulator (BIPT-IBPT) in a number of appeals against its regulatory decisions.

Thomas has *inter alia* successfully represented gambling software vendors and online and land-based bookmakers in litigation against the Belgian Government, and government-owned incumbent operators. Thomas also represents several clients in the context of the reform of the Belgian betting and gambling legislation.

Thomas is a qualified lawyer in Belgium and obtained his law degree, *magna cum laude*, at the University of Antwerp. He also obtained a Master of Advanced European Studies (MA), *magna cum laude*, at the College of Europe

(Bruges-Warsaw). He frequently speaks at professional and academic conferences and published several articles on e-commerce, commercial communications and competition law.

### **Education**

- College of Europe (Bruges-Warsaw), M.A. Advanced European Studies *magna cum laude*
- University of Antwerp, J.D., *magna cum laude*

### **Affiliations**

Admitted to practice: in Belgium and before the European Court

### **Memberships**

Interactive Advertising Bureau (IAB)