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# Legal 500 Europe, Middle East & Africa Recommends Crowell & Moring in 11 Practice Areas and Recognizes Three Individuals

### *Partner Thomas De Meese named to directory's Hall of Fame*

**Washington – April 25, 2018:** Crowell & Moring is pleased to announce that 11 practice areas and 11 lawyers in its Brussels office were recognized by the *Legal 500 Europe, Middle East, and Africa (EMEA) 2018* edition. The firm was recognized as “top tier” in two categories. Among the lawyers recognized, Thomas De Meese, co-managing partner of the firm’s Brussels office, is listed in the *Legal 500* Hall of Fame for “continued excellence in client service.”

The 2018 *Legal 500 EMEA* ranks the following Crowell & Moring practice areas:

- Healthcare & Life Sciences: (Tier 1): partner Kristof Roox; partner Jan-Diederik Lindemans; associate Jurgen Figys
- Media & Entertainment: (Tier 1): partner Thomas de Meese; partner Jan-Diederik Lindemans
- Intellectual Property: (Tier 2): partner Kristof Roox; partner Jan-Diederik Lindemans; counsel Christian Dekoninck
- IT & Telecoms: (Tier 2): partner Thomas de Meese; associate Emmelie Wijckmans
- Pharma, Medical Devices and Biotech: (Tier 2): partner Kristof Roox
- Privacy & Data Protection: (Tier 2): partner Thomas de Meese; partner Emmanuel Plasschaert; senior counsel Frederik Van Remoortel
- Competition Belgian Law: (Tier 3): partner Thomas de Meese; counsel Grégoire Ryelandt; senior counsel Jules Stuyck
- Dispute Resolution: (Tier 3): partner Thomas de Meese; partner Emmanuel Plasschaert; partner Kristof Roox
- Competition EU & Global: (Tier 4): partner Thomas de Meese; partner Sean-Paul Brankin
- Employment: (Tier 4): partner Emmanuel Plasschaert; senior counsel Frederik Van Remoortel
- Commercial, Corporate and M&A (Tier 5): partner Emmanuel Plasschaert

Additionally, three lawyers have been named in five practice areas to *Legal 500 EMEA*’s elite “Hall of Fame,” “Leading Individuals,” and “Next Generation Lawyers” lists:

- Thomas De Meese (Hall of Fame, Leading Individual): IT & Telecoms; Media & Entertainment
- Kristof Roox (Leading Individual): Intellectual Property; Pharma, Medical Devices and Biotech; Healthcare & Life Sciences;
- Jurgen Figys (Next Generation Lawyer): Healthcare & Life Sciences

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