

TECHNOLOGY

OUR TEAM

Our technology team, led by partners Thomas De Meese and Flip Petillion, comprises lawyers with a full range of specialties and skills. We are highly respected in the legal market and are recommended by various legal publications.

"One of the best' in the market, Crowell & Moring provides 'considered', 'measured' advice. The firm has broad expertise and regularly advises clients such as Telenet, Tecteo, Brut  l   and Facebook on e-commerce and internet-related issues including ISP liability, online services, distance selling, and e-advertisement." **Legal 500 EMEA, 2014**

Thomas De Meese is praised for his *"extensive knowledge", "hands-on, no-nonsense approach"* and *"drive for excellence."* **Legal 500 EMEA, 2013.** According to **Chambers Europe, 2012**, Flip Petillion is *"an extremely measured and thoughtful lawyer, who's advice is spot-on"*.

OUR SERVICES

We provide our clients with the full array of legal services for their technology business. Our experience includes software licensing and IT contracting, VOIP services, broadband, telephony and teledistribution services, social media, cloud computing, Top Level Domains, online ordering and sales platforms, apps development and licensing, use of (internet enabled) mobile devices, industrial design, privacy, and other technology-related issues.

LITIGATION PROFICIENCY, TO THE POINT ADVICE

We are trial lawyers first and foremost. When it comes to disputes, our lawyers have extensive experience in court, arbitration and alternative dispute resolution. We understand how to present complex ideas in straightforward terms. Our first goal as litigators is to work with our clients to prevent disputes arising. Should it become necessary to take further action, our aim is to help businesses resolve disputes quickly and favorably.

Our team has been involved in a number of headline-grabbing cases in complex technologies over the past few years. Our litigation experience allows us to quickly grasp the technical issues that drive our clients businesses and to provide our clients with clear, concise advice.

LICENSING

Crowell & Moring assists clients in drafting and negotiating clear and unambiguous license agreements involving a wide variety of technologies. We do so while ensuring adherence to internal protocols (which we help our clients establish) for efficiency and consistency across all company licenses and agreements.

We offer full-service assistance during the entire life-span of the license deal, going from due diligence in the pre-contractual phase to how to resolve a license deal gone bad.

REGULATORY

We counsel clients on all regulatory requirements applicable to their technology activities in Belgium and throughout the rest of Europe. This includes licensing requirements, data protection and retention requirements, contractual obligations and information requirements, numbering requirements and value added services, product liability, etc.

Our team's experience in IP, competition law and market practices and consumer law is a crucial asset in providing our technology clients with accurate and comprehensive advice.

We regularly represent clients before all of the relevant courts and regulatory bodies.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Representing a major telecommunications services provider in an arbitration on the termination of a software development contract, followed by nullity proceedings against the arbitration award before the civil courts

- Representing a Mobile Virtual Network Operator in a dispute and legal proceedings related to the termination of the MVNO Agreement
- Reviewing an interactive platform service provider's terms and conditions on IVR-, SMS- and iDTV-services
- Drafting and negotiating service level agreements of Internet extension operators with their technical back-end registry operators, registrars and their customers
- Advising governmental authorities with requests for proposals and concession agreements regarding Internet technology infrastructure and services
- Litigation in relation to the acquisition by a cable operator of the TV business of several associations of municipalities
- Assisting a mobile broadband access provider enter the Belgian market and provide mobile data services

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