

CURRICULUM VITAE KAREN VANDEKERCKHOVE

PERSONAL DATA

Nationality : Belgian
Education : Master in Laws (LL.M Harvard), Doctor in Law
Function : Head of Unit, European Commission

MAIN PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION, Brussels, Belgium, January 2004 to today

Current post: Directorate General Justice and Consumers, Gender Equality unit (since 2017)

Manage and lead the unit dealing with anti-discrimination based on sex, including in matters of employment and occupation and violence against women, both in the European Union and at the international level. Leading a team of around 23 unit members, covering both legal and policy work.

Experience covers all the tasks of the European Commission under the Treaty, in particular:

- policy development, preparation of legislative initiatives and negotiations of several Union instruments in European Union decision-making procedures according to various legislative procedures (ordinary legislative procedure, unanimity, etc.)
- close relationship and cooperation with Member States' delegations, permanent representations, Members of the European Parliament, external stakeholders
- implementation of existing Union legislation, including delegated and implementing acts (comitology), preparation of Commission positions before the European Court of Justice, infringements, implementation meetings, notifications by European Union Member States
- management and chairing of the European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters;
- representation of the Union at the international level in bodies set up under international conventions, negotiation of international conventions, diplomatic conferences, special commissions of Hague Conference on Private International Law, Uncitral, United Nations, Council of Europe, International Labour Organisation

Previous posts

DG Justice and Consumers, Civil Justice Policy, 2011 - 2017 (deputy head of unit/acting head of unit)

Acting head of unit and deputy head of a unit of around 20 persons with an *acquis* of around twenty-five legislative instruments and projects in the area of private international law and civil procedural law.

DG Justice and Consumers, Data Protection, 2011, secondment for 6 months

DG Justice, Freedom & Security, Civil Judicial Cooperation, 2008 - 2011 (team leader)

DG Justice, Freedom & Security, Civil Justice, 2004-2008 (desk officer)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY, Berkeley, California, United States of America, August 2019 to June 2020

Visiting scholar at the Institute of European Studies and Berkeley Law School

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF LOUVAIN-LA-NEUVE, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, September 2015 to today

Appointed "*chargé de cours*", teaching "Questions d'actualité de droit international privé" in the Master law studies programme (until September 2019)

Collaborateur scientifique since September 2019

UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP, Antwerp, Belgium, September 2005 – June 2010

Appointed part time professor, teaching "European private international and civil procedural law" in the International and European Legal Studies Program. Supervisor of Joint Ph.D candidate Antwerp-Toulouse

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY LEUVEN, Leuven, Belgium, 2005 – 2006

Free scientific collaborator, Department of International and European Law, attached to the Institute for International Trade Law and Private International law

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY LEUVEN, Leuven, Belgium, January 2000 - December 2003

Preparation of a Ph.D. on "Piercing the corporate veil: a transnational approach". Title of "doctor" obtained in July 2005

CLEARY, GOTTLIEB, STEEN & HAMILTON, Brussels, Belgium, January 2001 - December 2004

Off-counsel, providing specialised advice on questions of private international law and piercing of the corporate veil

CLEARY, GOTTLIEB, STEEN & HAMILTON, New York and Brussels, November 1993 – December 1999

Law firm. Work consisted of international corporate transactions; negotiation and drafting of international commercial and investment agreements; mergers, acquisitions, split-offs, and joint ventures; competition law; advice in connection with international, European, and Belgian law; drafting of legislation; international arbitration; international litigation

Position: senior associate, member of the New York and Brussels bars

CORNELL LAW SCHOOL, Ithaca, New York, U.S.A., July – August 1993

Research assistantship with Prof. W. Taylor in the field of international commercial and investment law

EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Cambridge, MA, U.S.A., August 1992 – June 1993

Degree: LL.M (Master of Laws, postgraduate), June 1993

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY LEUVEN, Belgium, October 1989 – July 1992

Law degree (master), Magna cum laude (top 1%)

KARL-RUPRECHTSUNIVERSITÄT HEIDELBERG, Germany, October 1991 – Febr. 1992

"Erasmus" Program, 1991-1992

FACULTÉ NOTRE-DAME-DE-LA-PAIX, Namur, Belgium, September 1987 – June 1989

Law degree (bachelor), Magna cum laude (top 1%)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Publication of articles and book (list in annex)

Participation in and organisation of international conferences (list in annex)

Director/Member of jury for doctoral theses (Ph.D) (list in annex)

ANNEX 1 - Publications

CONTRIBUTIONS IN BOOKS, JOURNALS AND REVIEWS

“Contract jurisdiction”, in P. BEAUMONT and J. HOLLIDAY (eds.), *Guide to Global Private International Law*, Hart Studies in Private International Law, Hart Publishing, 2020 (forthcoming)

"Mediation of cross-border disputes in the European Union", in C. TITI and K. FACH (eds.), *Mediation in International Commercial and Investment Disputes*, Oxford University Press, 2019

“Bemiddeling in burgerlijke en handelszaken. De evaluatie van Richtlijn 2008/52 betreffende bepaalde aspecten van bemiddeling/mediation in burgerlijke en handelszaken”, *Nederlands-Vlaams Tijdschrift voor Mediation en Conflictmanagement*, 2016, afl. 4

"Consequences of Opinion 1/13 of the European Court of Justice on the acceptance in the European Union of accessions to the 1980 Hague Convention on civil aspects of international child abduction", in P. FRANZINA (ed.), *The External Dimension of EU Private International Law after Opinion 1/1* (Intersentia, 2016)

"Commentaar bij Artikel 59 EEX-Verordening", in *Duiding Internationaal Privaatrecht*, Larcier, 2014

"Commentaar bij Artikel 60 EEX-Verordening", in *Duiding Internationaal Privaatrecht*, Larcier, 2014

"Commentaar bij Artikel 66 EEX-Verordening", in *Duiding Internationaal Privaatrecht*, Larcier, 2014

"Un labyrinthe européen: le champ d'application géographique du règlement "Bruxelles I" et d'autres instruments européens en matière de droit international privé et de procédure civile", *R.D.U.E.* 2011, 39-58

"De bevoegde rechter in verzekeringsgeschillen", *Akten van 8ste Internationaal Colloquium – Europees verzekeringsrecht*, 2011

"Le recouvrement des obligations alimentaires en Europe – un nouveau cadre législatif", *R.D.U.E.* 2010, 57-76

"Een Europees labyrint: het geografisch toepassingsgebied van de Brussel-I verordening en aanverwante Europese wetgeving van internationaal privaatrecht en burgerlijk procesrecht", *N.T.E.R.* 2009, 90-97

“Wat is nieuw in het Europees burgerlijk proces- en internationaal privaatrecht”, in H. VAN HOUTTE (ed.), *Internationaal privaatrecht*, Themis School voor Postacademische Juridische Vorming, Brugge, Die Keure, 2008, 73-84

“Droit européen de la procédure. De la suppression de l’exéquatour vers la procédure harmonisée – l’injonction de payer européenne”, Tijdschrift@ipr.be/Revue@dipr.be 2007, vol. 2, 102-107

« Piercing the corporate veil », *European company law*, 2007, Vol. 4, Issue 5, 191-200

“Dossier spécial : Droit procédural européen en matière civile et commerciale », *L’observateur de Bruxelles* 2006, 6-14

“Nieuwe Europese IPR-regels”, in H. VAN HOUTTE (ed.), *Internationaal privaatrecht*, Themis School voor Postacademische Juridische Vorming, Brugge, Die Keure, 2005, 17-27

“Europese regels inzake bewijs en betekening, erkenning en tenuitvoerlegging”, in H. VAN HOUTTE (ed.), *Internationaal privaatrecht*, Themis School voor Postacademische Juridische Vorming, Brugge, Die Keure, 2005, 79-89

“Le Règlement 805/2004 portant création d’un titre exécutoire européen pour les créances incontestées”, *L’observateur de Bruxelles* 2004, no. 57, 10-12

“Commentaar bij art. 60 EEX-Verordening”, in *Commentaar Gerechtelijk Recht*, Kluwer, September 2003 (20 p.)

“Commentaar bij art. 22(2) EEX-Verordening”, in *Commentaar Gerechtelijk Recht*, Kluwer, July 2003 (17 p.)

“Voorlopige of bewarende maatregelen in de EEX-Verordening, in EEX-II en in de Insolventieverordening”, in M. STORME and G. DE LEVAL, *Het Europees gerechtelijk recht & Procesrecht. Le droit processuel & judiciaire européen*, Interuniversitair Centrum voor Gerechtelijk Recht/Centre Interuniversitaire de droit judiciaire, Brussels/Bruges, La Chartre/Die Keure, 2003, 119-151

“P. VLAS, Rechtspersonen”, *R.W.* 2002-2003, 399-400 (book review)

“Enkele bemerkingen over staatsondernemingen, doorbraak van aansprakelijkheid en toepasselijk recht”, *T.R.V.* 2002, 380-384

“Internationale koopovereenkomsten”, in H. VAN HOUTTE (ed.), *Internationaal handelsrecht en arbitrage*, Themis School voor Postacademische Juridische Vorming, Brugge, Die Keure, 2002, 7-39

“Beslag op goederen van verbonden vennootschappen”, *T.R.V.* 2001, 177-182

“De interpretatie van Europees bevoegdheids- en executierecht”, in H. VAN HOUTTE and M. PERTEGAS SENDER (eds.), *Het nieuwe Europese IPR: van verdrag naar verordening*, Antwerpen-Groningen, Intersentia Rechtswetenschappen, 2001, 11-29

“Vereenzelviging en het doorbreken van de rechtssubjectiviteit van verbonden vennootschappen”, *T.R.V.* 2000, 275-283

“SMITS, J., Europees Privaatrecht in wording. Naar een Ius Commune Europaeum als gemengd rechtsstelsel”, *T.P.R.* 2000, 1255-1258 (book review)

“LENNARTS, M.L., Concernaansprakelijkheid”, *T.P.R.* 2000, 575-578 (book review)

“The Polluter Pays Principle in the EC”, *Yearbook of European Law 1992*, Clarendon Press, Oxford, United Kingdom, 1994, 201-262

BOOKS

Piercing the corporate veil: a transnational approach, Kluwer Law International, 2007 (765 p.)

ANNEX 2 – Conferences and presentations

(other than European Commission organised conferences – non-exhaustive list)

“GLOBAL RESISTANCE TO SEXUAL HARASSMENT/VIOLENCE”, Berkeley (California), United States of America, 8 and 9 June 2020,

Conference organised by the [Berkeley Center on Comparative Equality and Anti-Discrimination Law](#), contribution on global developments and on the framing of the problem of sexual harassment/violence

“FUTURE OF THE EU AFTER THE CORONA VIRUS: COHESION, SOLIDARITY and THICKENING OF INTEGRATION”, Boulder (Colorado), United States of America, 8 May 2020

Virtual event organised by the Colorado European Union Center of Excellence. Presentation on data protection questions in the fight against COVID-19 and the impact of the pandemic on gender equality

“DEVELOPMENTS IN SEXUAL HARASSMENT LAW”, Berkeley, United States of America, 7 February 2020

Presentation on the upcoming EU strategy on gender equality in the conference panel “Developments in the worldwide #MeToo movement”

“THE RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN JUDGMENTS – THEIR IMPORTANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT AND FOR THE INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT OF DOMESTIC LEGAL SYSTEMS”, Berkeley, United States of America, 31 January 2020

Presentation on the history, development and negotiations of the Hague Conference on Private International Law’s 2019 Convention on the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters

“WOMEN LEADERSHIP IN LAW FIRMS”, Brussels, Belgium, March and June 2019

Presentation of the situation of women in leadership in law firms at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton and Stibbe

“WOMEN’S ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCY, GENDER EQUALITY AND EUROPEAN VALUES: where do we go in the years ahead?”, Brussels, Belgium, 16 May 2019

Presentation at a workshop organised by the Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the European Union

“L’APPLICATION EN PRATIQUE EN BELGIQUE DES REGLEMENTS EUROPEENS DE DROIT INTERNATIONAL PRIVE ‘NOUVELLE GENERATION’”, Antwerp, Belgium, 14 May 2018

Contribution on the European Enforcement Order and its implementation in Belgium

“HOW EUROPEAN IS EUROPEAN PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW”, Berlin, Germany, 2-3 March 2018

Contribution in the panel debate on the future of European private international law in theory and practice

“HOW TO START A FAMILY JUSTICE CENTRE”, Brussels, Belgium, 1 December 2017

Contribution on domestic violence in European policy

“CURRENT REFLECTIONS ON GENDER EQUALITY LAW, Trier, Germany, 27-28 November 2017

Contribution on the European Commission’s Work-Life Balance initiative

“ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN PRACTICE, Antwerp, Belgium, 11 May 2017

Contribution on Directive 2008/52 on mediation in civil and commercial matters and its evaluation

“FEMALE ROLE MODELS IN THE 21st CENTURY – CHALLENGES AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES”, Leuven, Belgium, 23 November 2016

Panel debate organised by "Lean In", organisation set up by COO Facebook Sheryl Sandberg

“2016 INTERNATIONAL LAW WEEKEND”, 95th Annual meeting of the American branch of the International Law Association”, New York, United States, 28-29 October 2016

Conference organised by the International Law Association at Fordham University School of Law. Contribution on the world-wide recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters ("Judgments project")

"IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN REGULATION ON SUCCESSION MORTIS CAUSA", Salamanca, Spain, 7 October 2016

Seminar organised by the General Council of Spanish notaries, in cooperation with French, German, and Portuguese notaries' associations; contribution on the acceptance and enforcement of public acts in the European Union

"SEMINAR ON FAMILY LAW IN THE EU", European Parliament, Brussels, 5 June 2015

Seminar organised by the Legal Service of the EP, in collaboration with the Professional Training Unit, on EU family law. Contribution on wills and succession, matrimonial property and property consequences of registered partnerships, and the future developments of EU family law.

"CROSS-BORDER LITIGATION IN EUROPE: EUROPEAN AND BRITISH PERSPECTIVES ON THE PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK, JURIDICAL EXPERIENCE AND PRACTICE", Aberdeen, United Kingdom, 17 April 2015

Conference organised by the universities of Aberdeen, Antwerp, Milan and Madrid in the context of the EUPILLAR project funded by the EU civil justice programme. Contribution on a view from the perspective of the Commission regarding challenges of the institutional framework for the efficient establishment of the European area of civil justice

"RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPEAN PRIVATE & BUSINESS LAW", Trier, Germany, 20-21 November 2014

Conference organised by the Academy of European Law (ERA). Contributions on post-Stockholm JHA programme, e-justice, law applicable to companies, recovery of small claims, service of documents, assignment of claims

“THE CHALLENGES OF EUROPEAN CIVIL PROCEDURAL LAW FOR LUGANO AND THIRD STATES”, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law and the University of Bern, Lausanne, Switzerland, 5-6 June 2014

Contribution on the institutional framework of the EU civil procedure cooperation with Lugano States and third States

“2013 INTERNATIONAL LAW WEEKEND”, 92nd Annual meeting of the American branch of the International Law Association”, New York, United States, 24-26 October 2013

Conference organised by the International Law Association at Fordham University School of Law. Contribution on the developments in European private international law and their relevance for the United States

"THE POST-STOCKHOLM PROGRAMME TASK FORCE", European Policy Centre, Brussels, 26 June 2013

Workshop organised by the European Policy Centre on the future of civil law in Europe

"FOLLOW UP OF THE STOCKHOLM PROGRAMME – WHAT IS NEXT FOR THE FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE", Stockholm, Sweden, 13-14 June 2013

Conference organised by the Academy of European Law (ERA) in cooperation with the Swedish Ministry of Justice. Contribution on the future of civil law in Europe

"EU-DEVELOPMENTS ON INSTRUMENTS IN CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS", Institute for legal education, Brussels, Belgium, 17 May 2013

Legal training for judges from all EU Member States organised by the Belgian Ministry of Justice. Contribution on EU developments in civil law

"THE BRUSSELS I REGULATION RECAST: CHANGES TO RULES OF JURISDICTION AND RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS IN CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS", Journal of Private International Law Conference, London, United Kingdom, 7 February 2013

Conference organised by the Journal of Private International Law in cooperation with the London-based law firm Reed Smith. Contribution on the new Brussels I Recast Regulation to an audience of mainly London-based lawyers

"CROSS-BORDER LITIGATION IN EUROPE", Aberdeen, United Kingdom, 5 October 2012

Contribution in Jean Monnet workshop on the effectiveness of the European Commission in the development of private international law

"LE NOUVEAU REGLEMENT SUCCESSIONS", Brussels, Belgium, 29 September 2011

Conference organised by the French notary association. Contribution on the Commission's proposal on wills and successions

"REVISION OF THE BRUSSELS I REGULATION: THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL AND THE WAY FORWARD", Trier, Germany, 26-27 May 2011

Conference organised by the Academy of European Law (ERA). Contribution on the Commission's proposals regarding arbitration in Regulation (EC) No 44/2001

"EUROPEAN CIVIL JUSTICE: CURRENT SITUATION AND FUTURE TRENDS", Valencia, Spain, 20 May 2011

Conference organised by the Universidad de Valencia. Contribution on the developments and future of civil justice in Europe

"NEW CHALLENGES FOR LEGAL PRACTITIONERS IN CROSS-BORDER SUCCESSIONS. EUROPEAN SUCCESSION REGULATION ON THE HORIZON", Budapest, Hungary, 28-29 March 2011

Conference organised by the Hungarian Presidency of the Council and the Hungarian notary association. Contribution on the Commission's proposal on wills and successions

"VIENNA ARBITRATION DAYS", Vienna, Austria, 3-4 March 2011

Conference organised by Austria's major arbitration associations and institutions. Contribution in the panel "Will arbitration go Brussels", presenting the Commission's proposal to recast Regulation (EC) No 44/2001 on jurisdiction, recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters.

"INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE CONTRACTS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION: A NEW LEGAL FRAMEWORK", Brussels, Belgium, 28 October 2010

8th International Colloquium – European insurance law, organised by the Catholic Universities of Leuven and Louvain-la-Neuve. Contribution on jurisdiction for disputes regarding international insurance contracts in Europe

"CROSS-BORDER SUCCESSIONS WITHIN THE EUROPEAN UNION", Brussels, Belgium, 15 October 2010

Conference co-organised by the European Commission and the Council of the Notariats of the European Union. Contribution on the relationship between succession and property law

"CROSS-BORDER SUCCESSIONS IN EUROPE", Madrid, Spain, 7 May 2010

Conference organised by the Spanish Presidency of the European Union and the Spanish Notary Council. Contribution on the European Certificate of Succession

"LES ENJEUX JURIDIQUES EUROPEENS", Atelier de droit international privé, Paris, France, 31 March 2010

Conference organised by the Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie de Paris. Contribution on the academic feeding into civil justice policy

"INTERNATIONAL ANTITRUST LITIGATION. CONFLICT OF LAWS AND COORDINATION", Brussels, Belgium, 26 March 2010

Conference organised by the Université Panthéon-Assas Paris II, Max Planck Institute for comparative and international private law Hamburg and the Université Catholique de Louvain. Chair of the session "Private enforcement in the EU. Choice of court and choice of law. Jurisdiction in cross-border litigations – Brussels I"

"BRUSSELS I: THE REFORM OF INTERNATIONAL LITIGATION IN EUROPE, Madrid, Spain, 15 and 16 March 2010

Conference co-organised by the European Commission and the Spanish Presidency of the European Union. Contribution regarding the conclusions of the conference

"THE FUTURE OF EUROPEAN CIVIL PROCEDURAL LAW – REFORMING THE REGULATION BRUSSELS I", Heidelberg, Germany, 11 and 12 December 2009

Conference co-organised by the European Commission and the Institute for comparative law, conflict of laws and international business law of the University of Heidelberg

"EUROPEAN DAY OF CIVIL JUSTICE", Dispute resolution: practical assistance on navigating the cross-border civil justice landscape, London, United Kingdom, 20 October 2009

Conference organised by the "Law Society Brussels – London". Contribution on free circulation of judgments in the European Union, in particular the reform of Regulation (EC) No 44/2001 concerning jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters

"THE FUTURE OF TRANSNATIONAL LITIGATION", Contemporary challenges and solutions for European and transatlantic litigation, Vienna, Austria, 4-5 June 2009

Conference organised by the Litigation Committee of the International Bar Association and the Section of International Law of the American Bar Association. Contribution on the reform of Regulation (EC) No 44/2001 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters

"L'ESPACE JUDICIAIRE EUROPEEN CIVIL ET PENAL : REGARDS CROISES", Rouen, France, 20-21 March 2009

Contribution on jurisdiction in civil matters: derogatory rules - *forum more conveniens* and cooperation between the courts

THEMIS SCHOOL FOR POST-ACADEMIC LEGAL EDUCATION 2007-2008, Brussels/Leuven/Kortrijk/Diepenbeek, Belgium, 4 sessions during February-March 2008

Post-academic training in private international law, Educational part 46, in particular contribution on developments in European civil procedural and private international law

"OPEN ISSUES IN THE CREATION OF A EUROPEAN AREA OF CIVIL JUSTICE, Kranjska Gora, Slovenia, 16 November 2007

Conference organised by the Academy of European Law (ERA) in cooperation with the future Slovenian Presidency of the EU. Contribution on the future of civil justice in Europe

CONFERENCE OF THE SWISS ASSOCIATION FOR ARBITRATION, Bern, Switzerland, 8 September 2006

Contribution on the free circulation of arbitral awards in Europe

"WAT IS NIEUW IN HET EUROPEES BURGERLIJK PROCESRECHT?", Gent and Leuven, Belgium, 15 and 17 March 2006

Conference organised by myself in my capacity as free scientific collaborator at the Catholic University of Leuven on the subject of the European Enforcement Order, the European Order for Payment Procedure, and the Service Regulation. Contribution on the European order for payment procedure

"EU CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL LAW IN PRACTICE", Trier, Germany, 22-24 February 2006

Conference organised by the Academy of European Law (ERA). Contribution on "future prospects in the EU area of judicial cooperation in civil matters"

"EUROPEAN ENFORCEMENT ORDER FOR UNCONTESTED CLAIMS", Trier, Germany, 28 October 2005

Conference organised by the Academy of European Law (ERA). Contribution on "future prospects in the EU area of judicial cooperation in civil matters"

CONFERENCE OF THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF CRAFT, SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES, Brussels, Belgium, 10 June 2005

Contribution on the proposed Regulation creating a European order for payment procedure

"QUEL ESPACE JUDICIAIRE POUR LE CITOYEN EUROPEEN?", Brussels, Belgium, 8 April 2005

Conference organised by the European Association of French court attorneys organisations (Conférence des Barreaux de France). Contribution on the latest developments in civil justice at EU level

THEMIS SCHOOL FOR POST-ACADEMIC LEGAL EDUCATION 2004-2005, Brussels/Leuven/Kortrijk/Diepenbeek, Belgium, 4 sessions during February-March 2005

Post-academic training in private international law, Educational part 28, in particular two contributions, one on new European rules of private international law and one on European rules on the taking of evidence, service of documents, and recognition and enforcement of foreign judicial decisions and authentic deeds

"CONTRACTS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW", Leuven, Belgium, 15 February 2005

Conference concerning the new Belgian Code on Private International Law, organised by the Institute of International Trade Law of the University of Leuven; contribution on legal persons in private international law

"LE NOTAIRE DANS L'ESPACE JURIDIQUE EUROPEEN", Brussels, Belgium, 10 December 2004

Conference organised by the "Conférence des Notariats de l'Union européenne" (CNUE); contribution on the recognition and enforcement of authentic deeds in the EU

"PREVENTION AND RESOLUTION OF CROSS-BORDER DISPUTES IN CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS", Luxembourg, Luxembourg, 11-12 November 2004

Conference organised by the European Institute of Public Administration; contribution on the proposed Regulation creating a European order for payment procedure

"RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPEAN CIVIL PROCEDURE", Trier, Germany, 17-18 June 2004

Conference organised by the Academy of European Law; contribution on the proposed Regulation creating a European order for payment procedure

"THE NEW ACQUIS IN THE AREA OF CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL LAW", Brussels, Belgium, 28 May 2004

Seminar organised by the Technical Assistance Information Exchange office of the European Community (TAIEX) in co-operation with DG Justice and Home Affairs; contribution on the Regulation creating a European enforcement order for uncontested claims

COLLOQUIUM ON DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPEAN PROCEDURAL LAW, Liège, Belgium, 13 December 2002

Conference organised by the Inter-University Centre for civil procedural law; contribution on provisional measures in the Brussels I Regulation, the Brussels II Regulation, and the Insolvency Regulation

THEMIS SCHOOL FOR POST-ACADEMIC LEGAL EDUCATION 2001-2002, Brussels/Leuven/Kortrijk/Diepenbeek, Belgium, 4 sessions during February-March 2002

Post-academic legal training on international trade law and arbitration, Education part 10, in particular contribution on international sales contracts

"ECONOMIC CRIME", Riga, Latvia, 17-19 January 2001

Conference organised by the Technical Assistance Information Exchange office of the European Community (TAIEX) in co-operation with the Ministries of Justice and Interior of Latvia; contribution on the liability of legal persons

"JUDICIAL POWERS, JURISDICTION AND METHODS OF ENFORCEMENT IN CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS UNDER THE LUGANO CONVENTION AND THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS – OUTLOOK ON THE FUTURE. SIGNIFICANCE FOR LATVIA", Riga, Latvia, 7-8 December 2000

Conference organised by the Technical Assistance Information Exchange office of the European Community (TAIEX) in co-operation with the Ministry of Justice of Latvia; contributions on the interpretation of EU private international law and on provisional measures under the 1968 Brussels Convention

EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, Florence, Italy, December 1994

European University Institute, teaching of the course "European Environmental Law" during the East-West Forum

ANNEX 3 – Director of and member of jury for doctoral theses

Member of the jury of the Ph.D defended by Amandine Faucon Alonso, *The European Union and party autonomy in private international family law*, KULeuven, May 2020

Member of the jury of the Ph.D defended by Miguel de la Corte, *EU legislative framework on maternity leave: adoption of a multi-social risk approach?*, KULeuven, December 2018

Director of the Ph.D defended by Marie Collard, *Pour une approche téléologique contractuelle internationale des conventions de juridictions* ('For a teleological international contractual approach towards choice of court agreements'), University of Toulouse I Capitole/University of Antwerp, November 2015

Member of the jury of the Ph.D defended by Liselot Samyn, *De uitdagingen van het Europees (internationaal) procesrecht voor het Belgisch procesrecht* ('The challenges of the European (international) procedural law for Belgian procedural law'), University of Antwerp, May 2013

ANNEX 4 – Other professional activities

Member of the jury for the written observations in the Pax Moot 2020 – Asser Round (specialized moot court competition focused on Transnational Law and Private International Law issues), May 2020