
WIPO LIST OF NEUTRALS

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Wolter WEFERS BETTINK
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Wefers Bettink
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Nationality: Dutch

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Admitted to Amsterdam Bar, 1987.

LANGUAGES

Dutch and English.

PRESENT POSITION

Legal advisor and ADR Neutral.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Partner, IP/IT Practice Group Houthoff Buruma since 1993 (Head, Information Technology Law Practice Group), 1991-2015;
Attorney, Nauta Dutilh, 1987-91;
Adviser Shipping Legislation Government Republic Indonesia, 1984-87; Adviser Legislation, Department of Shipping, The Netherlands, 1980-84.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Member:
International Trademark Association (INTA);
Benelux Association of Trademark and Model and Design Attorneys (BMM);
AIPPI; Dutch Association on industrial Property;
ALAI; Dutch Copyright Society;
iTechlaw; Association of Information Law Attorneys (VIRA);

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Netherlands Association for Information Technology and Law (NVVIR).

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

IP, IT, E-Commerce, Privacy.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Trademarks, Database Rights, Copyright, Neighbouring Rights, Patents and Breeders Rights; Domain names and other Internet related issues.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

WIPO Domain Name Panelist since January 2000;
Arbitrator for Domain Name Disputes under the .nl domain since 2003;
Arbitrator for Domain Name Disputes under the .eu domain since 2006;
Daily work with issues related to E-commerce, domain names and other Internet related issues;
Chair Implementation Project Domain Name Arbitration in the Netherlands, 2002;
Co-chair of Dutch Domain Name Debate, 2001;
Adviser, Dutch Domain Name Authority (SIDN), since 1996;
Regularly lectures on topics related to domain names.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

"The value of electronic evidence" (Journal for Civil Judicial Procedure, 2012; in Dutch); "The place where the harmful event occurred specified in more detail: the judgment eDate Advertising GmbH and Martinez" (Dutch Journal for European Law, 2012; in Dutch); "Duties to disclose information and the Unfair Commercial Practices Act. The electronic agreement in practice (2)" (Journal of Contracts in Legal Practice, 2011; in Dutch); "The electronic agreement in practice (1)" (Journal of Contracts in Legal Practice, 2011; in Dutch); "The orientation of a website in the event of an infringement of IE-rights and unlawful advertising: jurisdiction after Pammer and Alpenhof" (IER, 2011; in Dutch); "Pammer and Alpenhof: the orientation of a website" (Dutch Journal for European Law; in Dutch); "e-Court: a (small) step towards electronic dispute resolution" (Arbitration Journal, 2011; in Dutch); "Automatic contracting – Doctoral thesis M.B. Voulon" (Property Law Monthly, 2011; in Dutch); "Online arbitration and the draft Arbitration law" (Journal for Arbitration, 2005; in Dutch); "Arbitration in Trademark disputes" (Journal for Arbitration, 2004; in Dutch). Has published articles in Copyright World, European Intellectual Property Review, Entertainment Law Review, NJB (Netherlands Lawyers Bulletin), in online publications and in specialized Dutch law journals IER, AMI, BIE, Mediaforum, Computerrecht and I&I.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Litigation on: Trademarks (including domain names), Database Rights, Copyright Neighboring Rights, Patents and Breeders Rights;
General Civil law litigation.

EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION

Arbitrator of the Netherlands Arbitration Institute (NAI);
WIPO Panelist for domain name disputes since January 2000 (51 cases as per 1 July 2005);
Panelist for .nl domain name disputes since January 2003 (1 case per 1 July 2005).

EXPERIENCE IN MEDIATION

Mediation for ICC (trademarks);
Various mediations as counsel moderated by ACB (Dutch Center for Business);
WIPO Advanced Workshop on Mediation in IP Disputes, Geneva, (2005);
Mediation course in the Netherlands (2003).
