

## Isabelle De Smedt

Partner

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Isabelle De Smedt works with multinational companies on various anti-corruption and fraud matters, including matters involving the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and the UK Bribery Act (UKBA). She has extensive experience working with clients in the U.S., Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America. Isabelle also advises clients on day-to-day compliance issues as they arise and works with them to develop and implement effective anti-bribery and anti-corruption compliance programs. She frequently works within the life sciences and health care industries, with a deep understanding of contacts research organizations.

Additionally, Isabelle offers clients substantial experience leading cross-border risk assessments and internal investigations, and guides clients through complex enforcement proceedings and government investigations.

Isabelle also works with international corporations on complex mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, corporate restructures, and reorganizations. Her experience includes conducting and supervising anti-corruption due diligence into third-party agents, distributors, and other business partners, as well as counseling clients through contract and corporate disputes.

### *Representative Experience*

- Assisted clients in developing and enhancing anti-corruption compliance policies and procedures, and business ethics compliance programs.
- Providing ongoing counseling in compliance matters, third party management, interactions with government officials and related matters.
- Led various risk assessments for multinational companies with respect to operations throughout the world.
- Assisted clients in assessing corruption risk through targeted third-party due diligence.
- Conducted numerous multijurisdiction, cross-border internal investigations through allegations of anti-corruption violations.
- Managed teams of lawyers conducting global compliance due diligence for global companies in operations in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and Australia.

### *Education*

- Fordham University (LL.M., 2008)
- Vrije Universiteit Brussel (J.D., 2007)

### *Languages*

- Dutch
- French

## *Admitted to Practice*

- Brussels, Belgium

## *Related Services*

Litigation | Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) Violations | Health Care Litigation | White Collar, Government & Internal Investigations | Commercial | International Trade & Regulatory | Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Embargoes and Sanctions