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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2017 - : Attorney at law (founder) **Finnian & Columba**, Mechelen, Belgium
- 2014 – 2017: Attorney at law **Sirius Legal**, Brussels, Belgium
- 2013 – 2013: Visiting researcher **UC Berkeley**, California, USA
- 2010 – 2013: Researcher ULB – **Mediadem**: EU Commission research on media law
- 2006 - 2010: Senior Legal Counsel (in-house) **j2 Global Communications** (cloud services & digital media), Dublin, Ireland
- 2004 – 2006: Attorney at law **Janson Baugniet**, Brussels, Belgium
- 2002 – 2004: Attorney at law **Allen & Overy**, Antwerp, Belgium

OTHER EXPERIENCES

Arbitrator in domain name disputes with Cepani (Belgium), “Forum - National Arbitration Forum” (USA), “Czech Arbitration Court” (Czech Republic), and “Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Center” (up to 2021)

Arbitrator in intellectual property disputes with “Forum - National Arbitration Forum” (USA)

Arbitrator in art disputes with “CAfA – Court of Arbitration for Art” (The Netherlands)

EDUCATION

- 2001: Master of Laws, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven.
- 2002: Master European Union Law, Université Libre de Bruxelles.
- 2006: Master of Arts in History, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven.