



Business Crime Law Firm of the Year



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Cees van Bavel (1964) is the founder of Van Bavel Attorneys. Cees started his career in 1988 with Derks & Partners, the predecessor of CMS Derks Star Busmann in Utrecht. Having been with this firm for some 21 years, 11 of which as a partner and head of the Corporate Criminal Defence Group, the time was ripe for a new challenge. Cees founded Van Bavel Attorneys in Amsterdam, which until then did not have a specialist law firm with a focus on this particular area of expertise. Cees now heads a niche firm consisting of 5 attorneys ("advocaten").

Since being admitted to the Bar, Cees has almost exclusively handled cases involving financial crime. He deals with tax, market abuse, insider trading cases, complex fraud cases, environmental crime cases, money laundering as well as bribery cases. Recently, he and his team have conducted an internal investigation at the request of a stock-listed company, in which he directed the forensic accounting team. Cees also makes submissions before the Supreme Court of the Netherlands (Hoge Raad der Nederlanden), the European Court of Justice, and the European Court of Human Rights. His practice is not limited to the Netherlands, and in the past he has also handled complex cross-border fraud cases in Belgium, Germany and the United Kingdom. He has also dealt with mutual legal assistance cases in the (former) Netherlands Antilles, Switzerland, Luxembourg and other (mostly offshore-) jurisdictions.

His peers consider Cees to be an excellent attorney, well known for his no-nonsense approach. He comes highly recommended in the Business Crime section in practitioners' directories such as the

European Legal 500, the Who is Who of Business Crime Lawyers, etc etc.

Cees is a member of the IBA Criminal Law Section and a member of the Dutch Association of Defence Council (NVSA). Cees publishes regularly and is a guest speaker at seminars and conferences. He speaks Dutch, French, German and English.

His clients include stock-listed companies and their directors, medium-sized and large companies as well as high net-worth individuals.

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