

TEAM

As specialists in civil and criminal law, our lawyers know exactly what the legal risks are of any flaw -however minor it may seem- in a company's human rights policy and practice.

We can advise not only on risks in terms of criminal or civil liability under Dutch law, but also on the dynamics of civil or criminal litigation.

We work on both contentious and non-contentious matters, from providing expert opinions to settlement negotiations or litigation.



'Where business enterprises identify that they have caused or contributed to adverse impacts, they should provide for or cooperate in their remediation through legitimate processes.'

Principle 22 of the *Guiding Principles on Business & Human Rights*



Tamara Buruma

Tamara handles complex money laundering and fraud cases. She also has extensive experience with sanctions law, both nationally and at the European Court of Justice.



Marieke van Eik

Marieke specialises in European administrative law and environmental law. She frequently litigates before the European Court of Justice.



Michiel Pestman

Michiel specialises in cases with an international dimension: terrorism, intelligence, financial crime and sanctions, representing both individuals and organisations.



Dr. Channa Samkalden

Channa has conducted many high-profile cases on behalf of victims of human rights violations by large corporations, both inside and outside the Netherlands.



Prof. dr. Göran Sluiter

Göran specialises in (international) criminal law and public international law. He is focusing his practice on the area of business and human rights.



Barbara van Straaten

Barbara focuses on the area of business & human rights. She has a background in criminal law and international criminal law.



Prof. dr. Liesbeth Zegveld

Liesbeth has extensive experience in the fields of human rights law and international law, specialising mainly in legal assistance to war victims and victims of serious human rights violations. In 2016 she was voted 'Most Valued Lawyer' of the year in the Netherlands.



BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Prakken d'Oliveira is the only Dutch law firm which is specialized in human rights.

We have extensive experience in the field of business & human rights, and a focus on the legal aspects of corporate social responsibility.

With our unique insight into corporate risks and potential liability we can offer you bespoke legal advice of the highest international standard.

Human rights are our business.

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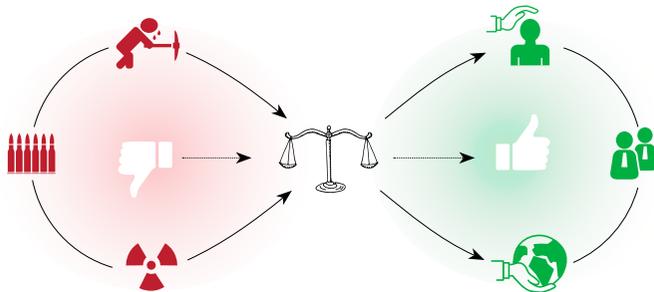
INCREASED SCRUTINY OF BUSINESSES

Businesses are increasingly held accountable for the manner in which they operate in society.

Scrutiny of businesses not only applies to the large multinationals: today, banks, pension funds and other investors receive critical questions about how and where their money is spent.

Cases concerning child labour, exploitation, environmental damage, corruption, international sanctions and relations with indigenous peoples are increasingly reviewed by lawmakers, regulators and the media.

In parallel to these developments there are an increasing number of potential grounds of liability.



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OUR APPROACH & EXPERTISE

- Dedicated Business and Human Rights team
- Human rights due diligence: thorough analyses of legal risks and possible exposure; advice on internal guidelines and policies
- Field assessments of risks on the ground. We have partnerships with investigative due diligence service providers in the field
- Extensive litigation experience in a wide variety of proceedings, ranging from Dutch courts, to the EU Court of Justice
- Experience in non-judicial proceedings such as the National Contact Point for the OECD Guidelines
- Assistance in the implementation and application of the EU Non-Financial Reporting Directive
- Training: anti-corruption, Human rights awareness, and preparation for possible media attention



'The responsibility of business enterprises to respect human rights applies to all enterprises regardless of their size, sector, operational context, ownership and structure.(...)'

Principle 14 of the *Guiding Principles on Business & Human Rights*

OUR AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Conflict areas

The risks in conflict areas are always imminent and real. The situation on the ground is unsafe and chaotic, and normal government institutions often no longer function.

The legal risks involved in operating in conflict areas require a specialized approach.

Our experience with both international and local investigations has great added value. Our specialist solutions and significant expertise in the areas of human rights law, international law, EU law and international criminal law, allow us to offer a unique service.

Sanctions

Companies that are active in high risk countries operate in a rapidly changing political reality. It is not uncommon for sanctions to be imposed on one or more parties to a conflict, which can have a direct influence on business opportunities.

At Prakken d'Oliveira we draw on our extensive experience advising on (international) sanctions.

We can provide specialised advice, and if necessary take a case all the way to the European Court of Human Rights, the European Court of Justice or the UN Ombudsperson.