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Justin Franssen is head of the Gaming, Sports & Entertainment practice group and a partner. He is the Dutch member of the International Masters of Gaming Law, and has been awarded multiple Band 1 rankings in Chambers Global Edition in the category "Gaming & Gambling". He regularly writes articles for key trade journals and is a frequent speaker at conferences. Justin was one of the key legal representatives for Betfair in the groundbreaking CJEU case, Betfair versus Minister of Justice, following which the highest administrative court in the Netherlands overturned the Dutch licensing policy in March 2011.



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Dr. Marjan Olfers is a partner. She specializes in litigation and advising clients on sports, media and events law. She combines her role as attorney-at-law with her work as an assistant professor of Sport and Law at the VU University Amsterdam. Marjan is on the supervisory board of Ajax Football Club and is a member of the boards of the Dutch Union for Sport and Law, the Arbitration Committee for Sport Sponsoring, the Dutch Sports Appeals Committee for Doping Cases, the Amsterdam Sports Council. She is also editor of the Dutch Sports Law Journal (Tijdschrift voor Sport en Recht).

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Frank Tolboom is an associate of the Gaming, Sports & Entertainment practice group. He concentrates on all operational and regulatory aspects of their businesses. Frank read law and completed his degree cum laude in International and European law at the University of Utrecht, the Netherlands. His Master's thesis covered the compatibility of the Dutch gaming policy with EU law, with a special focus on the applicability of the transparency principle in the gaming sector. He is a regular speaker at major conferences and contributes regularly to key trade journals.

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Dr. Alan Littler successfully defended his PhD "Member States versus the European Union: The Regulation of Gambling", at Tilburg University, the Netherlands in December 2009. This publication consists of a comparative study into the regulation of offline and remote gambling between three Member States and analyses the requirements of EU law. As a post-doctoral researcher at Tilburg University he spent autumn 2010 as a visiting research scholar at the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy at Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts. He focused on the regulation of gambling in relation to: transparency, the GATS, and consumer protection in transnational contexts. He joined the Gaming, Sports & Entertainment practice group in April 2011 where he is involved with Dutch and European developments in the field.

# GAMING, SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT VMW TAXAND

VMW Taxand is the only law firm in the Netherlands with a specialized multi-disciplinary team dedicated to advising and litigating on behalf of the international gaming and gambling sector. Our gaming team has recently expanded to include a sports and entertainment team. We have a deep understanding of the fast-moving and dynamic gaming business and recognize the ongoing convergence of gambling, (social) gaming, media and sports.

With our legal experience, specialized knowledge and commercial understanding of the industry we offer our clients practical and effective solutions. Above all, we provide a full range of services in response to the regulatory, commercial, tax, technical, and operational issues facing our clients. Our pro-active approach ensures that our clients are informed of important regulatory, legal and political developments ahead of the market.

We serve some of the world's largest offline and remote (social) gaming and gambling operators, banks, PSPs, ISPs, software houses, testing labs, professional poker players, sports organizations including event organizers. We regularly advise service providers on risk assessment strategies when entering into the Dutch market.

VMW Taxand is also central to numerous legal proceedings that contest the validity of monopolies or licensing schemes before administrative, civil and criminal courts. Moreover, our active involvement in the legislative and public affairs process helps ensure that any law or regulation adopted is consistent with the needs and expectations of our clients.

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Frans Duynstee is one of the founding partners of VMW Taxand. With more than 25 years of experience he is the tax counsel for a number of high profile international gaming companies. Furthermore he is also lead counsel in a class action for Dutch poker players against the Dutch Tax Authorities.

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Irene is head of the administrative law department and a partner. She practices administrative law, specializing in regulated markets in which interactions between governments and businesses play an important role. The gaming industry is one of her specialist fields and she worked closely with Justin Franssen on the groundbreaking Betfair versus Minister of Justice case.

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