

## **Stephanie Wernaers**

### **Partner**

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Stephanie Wernaers obtained her law degree at the University of Antwerp in 2000. In the same year, she also obtained a diploma in Specific Teacher Training (formerly known as *aggregatie* training) at the University of Antwerp.

Stephanie has been a lawyer at the Bar of Antwerp since 1 September 2000. She began her internship at GSJ advocaten in Antwerp on the same date.

She became a senior associate in 2009 and has been a partner since 1 January 2018.

Stephanie specialises in real estate law. Within this field, she focuses primarily on private-law construction disputes, rental and commercial lease disputes and apartment co-ownership. She is also very well-versed in tenancy rights.

In all these areas of practice, she has received specific training in the drafting of agreements. In addition, she can help private clients and professionals settle disputes in court (for example, contractors, property managers and brokers).

Stephanie has acquired considerable knowledge and a wealth of experience in legal proceedings relating to private-law contracting disputes. She has the necessary know-how to assist clients at every stage in the process, from the start of the dispute until final settlement by the court. Furthermore, she has become a specialist in the area of construction expert reports, in which capacity

she regularly assists private clients and contractors in the context of expert investigations carried out by court order.

Stephanie is a highly trained professional who offers expert advice on apartment co-ownership. She assists private clients and professional property managers and regularly gives seminars on these issues for private clients and professionals. She writes guidance letters on aspects of these various fields of legal expertise and is a regular contributor to the *Indicator*.

Lastly, since 2010 Stephanie has been teaching construction law to final-year students in the context of the course in Applied Engineering/Architecture at the University of Antwerp (formerly known as the Artesis Hogeschool).

**DATE OF BIRTH**

18 January 1977

**LAWYER SINCE**

2000

**AT GSJ SINCE**

2000

**PARTNER SINCE**

2018

**PRACTICE GROUP**

Onroerend goed, Aannemingsrecht en Overheidsopdrachten

**STUDIES**

- 1997-2000: Licentiaat in de rechten, met onderscheiding, Universiteit Antwerpen
- 1995-1997: Kandidaat in de rechten, met onderscheiding, UFSIA
- 1989-1995: Humaniora, Latijn-Wiskunde, Instituut Dames van het Christelijk Onderwijs

**LANGUAGES**

Dutch, French and English

**PREFERRED SUBJECTS**

Apartment co-ownership, Construction law, Tenancy law

**SELECTION OF PUBLICATIONS**

- WERNAERS S. PALS G. "*Actuadossier: De nieuwe wet op de mede-eigendom: Wat moet u als eigenaar of huurder van een appartement hierover zeker weten?*", Leuven, *Uitgeverij Indicator*, 2010
- ERREYGERS D. EN WERNAERS S., "Samenwerking met externen die intern lokalen bezetten : 'goede afspraken maken goede vrienden.' in *GSJ advocaten, Zorgrecht: kennis gebundeld*, Antwerpen, 2012, 58-73
- ERREYGERS D. EN WERNAERS S. "*Impact van de recente wijzigingen inzake mede-eigendom op de notariële praktijk.*" Knops Publishing, Herentals, 2012

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

- Guest lecturer at the University of Antwerp Faculty of Applied Engineering Sciences, Construction Law course

#### **SELECTION OF STUDY DAYS AND TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS**

- VIVO: 'Hervormde wet mede-eigendom' Leuven, Genk en Antwerpen op 23 oktober 2018, 13 november 2018, 5 december 2018, 12 december 2018, 15 januari 2019 en 17 januari 2019
- BOUWUNIE: 'Roadshow: De renovatie van appartementen' Leuven, Waregem, Antwerpen op 10 september 2018, 13 september 2018 en 18 september 2018
- VIVO: ' De toepassing van de Wet Breyne': Gent, Turnhout en Antwerpen op 6 maart 2018, 29 maart 2018, 7 juni 2018 en 3 oktober 2018
- VIVO: ' Procedures in mede-eigendom' Leuven, Antwerpen, Genk op 27 september 2016, 16 november 2016 en 29 november 2016
- VIVO: 'Conflicten met betrekking tot huur en huurschade' Antwerpen, Turnhout, Sint-Niklaas op 12 april 2016, 31 mei 2016 en 2 juni 2016