

Wendela Raas

Netherlands Managing Partner



Netherlands Managing Partner

Amsterdam

D +31 20 795 34 07

M +31 6 10 92 01 45

wendela.raas@dentons.com

Overview

Wendela is the managing partner of Dentons Boekel in Amsterdam and a board member of Dentons Europe.

Wendela is recognized by Chambers and Legal 500 as a 'leading individual' in the Netherlands for real estate matters. She focuses on commercial leases, real estate transactions and litigation. Wendela has acted for clients in some of the largest transactions in the Netherlands. She is also well known for multiple litigation matters that resulted in landmark cases before the Dutch Supreme Court. Her clients include leading institutional investors and project developers.

In 2017 Wendela was awarded an Honorary Professorship at Amity University Dubai in recognition of her competence and reputation in the area of real estate law. She gives guest lectures at the university's faculty of law.

Wendela also teaches real estate law at various institutions, including the Amsterdam School of Real Estate (University of Amsterdam) and she publishes regularly. She is a member of the Royal Institution for Chartered Surveyors (RICS). Furthermore she is a member of the editorial board of the Dutch leading journal on landlord and tenant law. On occasions she has been a special advisor to the Dutch Government on tenant law related legislation.

Recognition

- *Legal 500* 2018: "Friendly but fierce" group head Wendela Raas is "an authority on commercial real estate"
- *Chambers* 2018: Clients praise Wendela Raas for being a "strong, intellectual character, with a commercial business mind, combined with an open and personal approach," and her client service as "exceptionally well-developed."
- *Legal 500* 2017: Recognized Wendela Raas as a "leading individual in the Netherlands" and notes: "Dentons Boekel's team is very good on every level – fast, client-oriented and solution-driven"
- *Chambers* 2017: "Wendela Raas displays a thorough knowledge of commercial tenancy law and transactions. Clients say: "She is a real authority on lease law in the Netherlands, and we like that she really knows the retail business and understands what is going on in the market."
- Recognized as a 'leading individual in the Netherlands', *Legal 500*, who notes: 'the firms 'client-focused'

team is led by the 'open', 'business-driven' Wendela Raas'. According to clients, the team 'goes for creative and academic solutions and doesn't take "No" for an answer'. *Legal 500* also mentions Wendela's "excellent reputation" in lease and tenancy law.

- Recognized by *Chambers* as 'renowned for her expertise', noting that the firm is 'very flexible because it covers every legal field during a transaction. It has the capacity to support us during multiple transactions at the same time.' *Chambers* also noted client feedback that Wendela is "strategic and gives clear advice. She looks for creative solutions and is able to balance the commercial and legal aspects of a deal." Also : 'She earns praise from clients for her practical style: "She gives you advice you can work with."
- Recognized by *Legal Media Group* as 'Women in Business Law'.

Activities and Affiliations

Memberships

- Honorary Professor real estate law, Amity University Dubai (2017-to date)
- Member, Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (2013 – to date)
- Member, Advisory Committee on Landlord and Tenant law Legislation, established by the Netherlands Bar Association (2008 – 2015)
- Member, Advisory Board of the Association of Young Real Estate Lawyers (2012 – to date)
- Board Member, Netherlands Association of Landlord and Tenant Lawyers (2008 – 2017)

Prior and Present Employment

- Country managing partner and board member of the Europe Region, Dentons Boekel, 2017 to date
- Managing partner, Dentons Boekel (formerly Boekel), 2015 – 2017
- Partner and head of real estate, Boekel, 2010 – 2015
- Partner, Lexence, 1999 – 2010

Areas of focus

Practices

- Real Estate
- Real Estate Transactions

Industry sectors

- Private Equity
- Retail

Education

- University of Leiden, 1998, Masters of Law

Admissions and qualifications

- Amsterdam Bar Association, 1999

Languages

- Dutch
- English