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FOUNDER CTRL-P



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PROFESSIONAL BIO

I have a wide expertise in IT & IP Law, specialising in Privacy, Intellectual Property and Marketing Law. My journey started in an innovative legal start-up. Then I decided to broaden my horizon by joining a well-respected branding agency. After learning as much as I could, it was time to found Ctrl-P in order to fulfill the mission of making the law understandable for all.

COMPETENCIES

- GDPR
- Certified Data Protection Officer
- ICT-law
- Marketing Law
- Intellectual Property
- Copyright Law
- Trademark Law
- Contract Design
- Native Dutch
- Fluent in English
- Proficient in French
- Microsoft Office, Photoshop, Canva

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

FOUNDER

Ctrl-P | Apr. 2019 to present

- Having Co-founded Ctrl-P as an external DPO service provider, we differentiate ourselves by implementing Legal Design
- Sales & Project Management, Chief Legal Officer

STRATEGIC CONSULTANT

Brandhome | Febr. 2018 to Mar. 2019

- Consulted clients on legal and strategic matters including trademarks, branding and marketing law
- Part of Digital Fibre and Yconik Marketing Agency

IT & IP LEGAL CONSULTANT

DeJuristen | Nov. 2016 to Febr. 2018

- Worked closely with the team to deliver sound legal advice on IT & IP matters
- Worked on an innovative chatbot (legaltech)

ACADEMIC HISTORY

DATA PROTECTION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

Data Protection Institute - April 2019

UNIVERSITY OF LEUVEN

Postgraduate IT & IP Law

- Sept. 2016 to June 2016
- Masterthesis: "Adblocking: a blessing or a curse for society?"

UNIVERSITY OF GHENT

Master of Law

- Sept. 2010 to June 2016
- Specialised in European Studies including Competition, IP, Media and Human Rights Law
- Masterthesis: "A legal exploration of the Right to Privacy while Teleworking."

EXTRA-PROFESSIONAL

YOUNG BOARD MEMBER

Klarafestival Young Board - June 2019 - Ongoing