

Associate - Finance Practice Group
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Bird & Bird

Company description:

About Bird & Bird

Bird & Bird is an international law firm which supports organisations being changed by technology or the digital world. We have over 1,300 lawyers, in 30 offices and 20 countries across the world; in Europe, the Middle East and Asia Pacific.

Our Brussels office covers all areas of business law and brings together more than 40 lawyers from over 10 different countries.

We combine exceptional legal expertise with deep industry knowledge and refreshingly creative thinking, to help clients achieve their commercial goals.

The Bird & Bird Finance team

We are looking for a mid-level Associate to join our Finance Practice Group in Brussels, with a focus on payments regulation (e.g. PSD2, Interchange Fee Regulation, EU Cross-Border Regulation, SEPA Regulation), and other regulations relevant to our financial services clients (e.g. AML legislation, EBA guidelines on outsourcing, banking secrecy).

The team possesses a long-established experience of advising in the field of financial services regulation, and in particular payments regulation. It has leading market recognition and reputation.

Advising all types of financial service organisations, including banks, acquirers, schemes, merchants, processors, the team provides a wide range of assistance on their regulatory requirements, and in particular payments laws, both within Belgium and internationally. It regularly finds itself advising on cutting-edge regulatory issues (and liaising with the applicable regulator, as appropriate) as well as assisting with the obtaining of regulatory authorisations.

It is a truly international team, working on a daily basis with colleagues throughout Europe, and indeed the world.

The team also works with the Bird & Bird Brussels Public Affairs (PA) practice, advising clients on

draft legislation and its potential impact on the clients' activities, preparing draft amendments for clients and/or their PA agencies, meeting with relevant authorities, etc – in order to try and influence the draft text in a way that supports our clients' objectives.

Function

Your Role

- You will be working with some of the most sophisticated companies in the world.
- You will be involved in cutting-edge financial services matters across a broad range of regulated activities, including primarily payment services, e-money, consumer credit, outsourcing, start-up banking, P2P lending, etc.
- You will be in constant interaction with members of the Bird & Bird Finance Practice Group across the globe.
- You will get training and feedback from top-notch practitioners, and be practicing with some of the best payments regulatory lawyers in Europe.
- You will have an opportunity to further develop your legal, business and inter-personal skills, and build your career within the firm.
- You will get a chance to enjoy the Bird & Bird Brussels office social network and events.

Searched profile

Your Profile

We would be interested in hearing from you if you have:

- Excellent academic achievement.
- 4 years' solid experience gained in the Banking & Finance Practice of a premier law firm, handling complex financial services regulatory issues, and in particular payments regulatory issues.
- A desire to be working hand-in-hand with colleagues around the global, in a truly

internationally integrated law firm.

In addition, we expect you to have:

- The ability to manage all aspects of complex matters.
- The ability to provide clear, precise and practical advice.
- The ability to use initiative and a confidence built upon solid success and achievements.
- The ability to liaise and coordinate effectively with members of our international Finance team, as well as other Practice Groups.
- An interest in working in a challenging, team-based environment.
- A commitment to continuously update your own technical expertise.

Contact

In order to support our further growth and client needs, we are looking for a **passionate, mid-level Associate in Financial Services Regulation**, for our Brussels office.

If you would like to apply for the role, please send your CV and motivation letter to brufinancelawrecruitment@twobirds.com. All applications will obviously be treated in the greatest confidence.

If you would have any questions regarding this vacancy or would like to discuss it informally ahead of potentially applying, please also contact Scott McInnes, either by email (scott.mcinnnes@twobirds.com) or by phone (+32 2 282 60 59).