

Francien Rense - Profile



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Francien Rense co-heads Nauta Dutilh's Fraud and White Collar Crime team. She focusses on enforcement and sanctioning related issues that organisations, officers and professionals face. She advises her clients in proceedings or discussions with authorities regarding compliance with laws and regulations and sanctions imposed in that context.

Her cases typically involve questions relating to finance and tax (such as ABAC, AML), trade sanctions and export controls or rules governing products and services, hygiene, and internal and external safety (environment). Francien has experience with a wide range of authorities, including those enforcing AML regulations. Francien's advice and assistance cover the entire spectrum of services, from prevention, compliance, and internal and external investigations to repression and sentencing resulting from criminal prosecution.

NautaDutilh remains one of the strongest firms in the Dutch market for white-collar matters, with a particularly strong track record in internal investigations, especially those involving forensic IT and data analysis. The team is also notable for its female leadership, with anti-corruption and money laundering specialist Marike Bakker heading the team alongside Francien Rense, whose recent work has included large-scale bribery cases, sanctions, and internal investigations (Legal 500, 2021).

Francien Rense – Publications and background



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Francien is a successful corporate criminal defense lawyer with a 25-year track-record. Recent AML-enforcement cases handled by Francien include:

- [Press Release Vlisco](#) (in Dutch)
- [Press Release raids of potato and onion retailers](#) (in Dutch)

Francien regularly publishes and lectures in her field. In 2008, Francien's peers elected her '*best financial and economic criminal law attorney in the Netherlands under the age of 35*'. Francien is also an attorney member of the Advisory Board of the Dutch Bar Association as well as a member of the Dutch Association of Defence Counsel. In 2020, the OECE working group consulted Francien as corporate criminal defence lawyer in its phase 4 evaluation of the Netherlands.

An example of a recent publication written by Francien and colleagues which covers various AML-aspects is [Chapter 19 of the Financial Legal Edition 2021](#) (in Dutch).

Francien studied Dutch law (criminal and civil law) at Erasmus University in Rotterdam. She also followed a post-doc in forensic auditing focusing on commercial economics, audit techniques, external reporting, and internal risk management and control.

Francien is fluent in Dutch, English.