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After obtaining his Master of Law degree in 2005, Prof.dr. Robby Houben started as research assistant on company and financial law at the University of Antwerp until 2011. In 2010 he obtained his PhD ("Set-Off"). Since 2011 Robby Houben lectures at the University of Antwerp and practices as a lawyer at the Antwerp Bar, first at Linklaters, later at Baker McKenzie. He specialises in company and financial law. As of 2017 he holds the chair of company and financial law at the University of Antwerp and became a counsel at Baker McKenzie. Robby Houben regularly teaches abroad, including at Toulouse 1 Capitole in France, Universidad Autonoma de Madrid in Spain and at Uppsala Universitet in Sweden.

Prof. Houben authored numerous national and international publications in legal reviews and books within the broad domain of company and financial law. He is a regular speaker at national and international conferences. He coordinates the international summer school of the faculty of law at the University of Antwerp on companies crossing borders. Also, he supervises several ongoing research projects, including a research project commissioned by the National Bank of Belgium on the crossroads between micro and macro prudential supervision within the single supervisory mechanism. He acted as independent expert for the Panama Inquiry Committee of the European Parliament. In that capacity, he authored the study "The mandate of the Panama Inquiry Committee. An Assessment".

Robby Houben is a member of several editorial boards, including the *Tijdschrift voor Belgisch Handelsrecht / Revue de Droit Commercial Belge* (TBH / RDC) (financial law section) and the *Tijdschrift voor Rechtspersoon en Venootschap / Revue Pratique des Sociétés* (TRV-RPS). He is responsible for the Belgium section of the International Company and Commercial Law Review.

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