

## Melvin Tjon Akon

*Regulatory expert with a passion for data-driven research in financial markets*

### WORK EXPERIENCE

- Senior Regulatory Affairs Officer** Sep 2020 - present  
*Luxembourg Stock Exchange, Luxembourg - City, LU*  
- Strategic advisor to executive committee and managers on all regulatory matters, including industry-leading innovations (e.g. listing of crypto assets)  
- Engagement officer, liaising with national and EU regulators, legislators and trade associations, for authorisations and advocacy  
- Architect of full stack software to follow and parse regulatory developments
- Bank Lending and Structured Finance Associate** Mar 2019 - Jul 2020  
*Arendt & Medernach, Luxembourg - City, LU*  
- Lawyer assisting top tier financial firms with transactional and regulatory aspects of securitisation, syndicated lending and fund finance transactions (see [deal sheet](#))
- Finance and Financial Services Associate** Dec 2015 - Jan 2019  
*Bonn Steichen & Partners Luxembourg - City, LU*  
- Lawyer assisting top tier financial firms with securitisation, joint ventures, bank lending and fund finance transactions  
- Designated specialist on financial regulatory matters
- Finance Support Lawyer** Jul 2010- Aug 2015  
*Jan 2015 - Aug 2015: KienhuisHoving Advocaten & Notarissen, Enschede, NL*  
- Transaction and research assistance with corporate and finance matters  
*Oct 2011 - Jul 2012: De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek, Amsterdam, NL*  
- Transaction and research assistance with M&A and finance matters  
*Jul 2010 - Oct 2011: Clifford Chance, Amsterdam, NL/London, UK*  
- Transaction and research assistance with capital markets and finance, specialising in securitisation (Nov 2010-Oct 2011, internship: Jul-Aug 2010)
- Business Intelligence Analyst** Feb 2006 - Oct 2009  
*Several multinationals (Philips Electronics, DTG) Amsterdam, NL*  
- Analyst responsible for design of management dashboards and return-on-investment (ROI) calculations (next to studies and 4 months full-time)
- EDUCATION**
- Doctor of Philosophy in Law** Dec 2025 (expected)  
*Leiden University, Leiden, NL*  
- Topic: law and economics of personalised pricing in consumer credit markets  
- Curriculum: legal methodology, statistical learning, machine learning
- Master of Laws (focus: Law & Economics)** Jun 2014  
*The University of Chicago Law School Chicago, IL, USA*  
- Interdisciplinary curriculum: 50% law courses and 50% PhD economics courses  
- Thesis: how professional background affects the decisions of judges
- Master of Laws (J.D. equivalent, focus: Private Legal Practice)** August 2013  
*University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, NL*  
- Honors: Cum Laude  
- Editor of national student-run law review *Ars Aequi*

**Master of Science in Business Administration (focus: Finance and Investments)** Mar 2009

*Rotterdam School of Management, Rotterdam, NL*

- Thesis: how investors price enhanced legal protection due to cross-border mergers
- Exchange semester in MBA program of ITAM, Mexico - City, MX

**Bachelor of Science in Psychology (focus: Economic Decision Making)**

Aug 2006

*University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, NL*

- Curriculum: social cognition and behaviour, marketing management
- Thesis (with Club Méditerranée): how consumers take holiday decisions

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Independent Researcher** (Mar 2017 – present)

- I [publish](#) frequently on regulatory issues in scientific journals and [present](#) for a variety of audiences, blending legal and economic analysis, using advanced quantitative methods on large data sets (incl. machine learning)

**Judicial Extern** - *Dutch Trade and Industry Appeals Tribunal, The Hague, NL* (Nov 2015 – Jul 2016)

- Assistant to Senior Judge Heico Kerkmeester with project covering the Tribunal's rulings in price regulation disputes in energy and telecommunications markets

**Research Assistant** - *The University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL, USA* (Oct 2013 – Jun 2014)

- Assistant to Professors William Hubbard (online privacy choices of consumers) and Mila Versteeg (comparative constitutional law, focus on Germany)

**Research Assistant** - *Dutch Competition Authority, The Hague, NL* (Oct 2010 – Nov 2010)

- Assistant to Rene Smits, Chief Legal Counsel (project: private law enforcement of competition law)

## NON-PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Volunteering instructor (Luxembourg House of Financial Technology)

Board memberships (2018-2019, Netherlands Trade Forum, LU; 2010-2011, European Law Students Association Amsterdam, NL)

Leisure: cycling, immersive language learning

## LANGUAGES

*Dutch* (native), *English* (fluent spoken/written, C2), *Spanish* (good spoken/written, C1), *French* (good spoken/written, C2), *German* (conversational spoken/written, untested), *Italian* (basic, untested)

## SOFTWARE

Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint), Python, R, Linux, JavaScript, SQL, LaTeX, HTML

## PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

Attorney-at-law (Member of the Bar of New York State), New York, NY, USA (Mar 2016 – present)