

Melvin Tjon Akon

Interdisciplinary regulatory strategist specialised in financial markets and services

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WORK EXPERIENCE

- Knowledge Lawyer, European Financial Services Regulatory** Sep 2023 – present
DLA Piper Luxembourg, Luxembourg – City, LU
- Monitoring and analysis of EU financial services regulation
- Production of internal and external resources for clients and lawyers
- Senior Regulatory Affairs Officer** Sep 2020 – Jun 2023
Luxembourg Stock Exchange, Luxembourg - City, LU
- Strategic advisory of executive committee on all regulatory matters
- Engagement with national/EU regulators, legislators and associations
- Architect of full stack software to parse regulatory developments
- Bank Lending, Capital Markets and Financial Regulatory Associate** Dec 2015 – Jul 2020
Arendt & Medernach, Luxembourg - City, LU (Mar 2019 - Jul 2020)
- Assisting top tier clients across [wide range of finance transactions](#)
Bonn Steichen & Partners Luxembourg - City, LU (Dec 2015 – Jan 2019)
- Assisting financial firms on transactional and regulatory matters
- Finance Support Lawyer** Nov 2010 - Aug 2015
KienhuisHoving, Enschede, NL (Jan 2015 - Aug 2015)
- Transaction and research assistance with finance matters
De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek, Amsterdam, NL (Oct 2011 - Jul 2012)
- Transaction and research assistance with M&A and finance matters
Clifford Chance, Amsterdam, NL/London, UK (Jul 2010 - Oct 2011)
- Transaction and research assistance with lending and capital markets matters (Nov 2010-Oct 2011, internship: Jul-Aug 2010)
- Business Intelligence Analyst** Feb 2006 – Oct 2009
Several multinationals (incl. Philips Electronics, DTG) Amsterdam, NL
- Analyst responsible for design of management dashboards and return-on-investment calculations (next to studies and 4 months full-time)

EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy in Law** Dec 2025 (expected)
Leiden University, Leiden, NL
- Topic: regulation of personalised pricing in consumer credit markets
- Curriculum: legal methodology, statistical learning, machine learning (including coding using open-source software)
- Master of Laws (LL.M.)** Jun 2014
The University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL, USA
- Focus: Law (50% law courses) and economics (50% PhD courses)
- Thesis: how professional background affects the decisions of judges

Master of Laws (J.D. equivalent), Cum Laude

August 2013

University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, NL

- Focus: Private practice (corporations, contracts, finance, comparative)
- Editor of national student-run law review *Ars Aequi*
- Board member, European Law Students Association (1 year)

Master of Science in Business Administration

Mar 2009

Rotterdam School of Management, Rotterdam, NL

- Focus: Finance and Investments
- Thesis: how investors price legal protection in cross-border mergers
- Exchange: MBA program of ITAM, Mexico – City, MX

Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Aug 2006

University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, NL

- Focus: Economic decisions (social cognition, marketing, influence)
- Thesis: how consumers take holiday decisions

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

Attorney-at-law, New York, NY, USA

Mar 2016 – present

LANGUAGES

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

RESEARCH EXPERIENCEIndependent research on financial regulatory issues ([publications](#))

Mar 2017 – present

Dutch Trade and Industry Appeals Tribunal, The Hague, NL

Nov 2015 – Jul 2016

Law clerk for Senior Judge Heico Kerkmeester (price regulation disputes between regulator and entities in energy and telecom markets)

The University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL, USA

Oct 2013 – Jun 2014

Research assistant for Professors William Hubbard (online privacy choices of consumers) and Mila Versteeg (comparative constitutional law)

Dutch Competition Authority, The Hague, NL

Oct 2010 – Nov 2010

Research assistant for Rene Smits, Chief Legal Counsel (private law enforcement of competition law)

SOFTWARE

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

LEISURE

Cycling, immersive language learning