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# INTRO

**I am honoured and pleased that so many outstanding Law Offices showed their interest in our Alliance:  
EUROPEAN-US-ASIAN EQUINE LAWYERS.**

In the last decade the Equine Industry has been growing ever since. Also the International horse deals keep increasing annually.

My firm, Schelstraete Equine Lawyers, focuses her practice on the International clients as a result of which we have been working with cross border Equine Law Specialized Lawyers to whom we have introduced many clients and files.

The time has come that these International developments are to be formalized by means of creating an Alliance Group which has been set up in the beginning of 2017.

Through this Alliance Group of independent partners we provide the Equine Industry knowledge, understanding and experience.

Thanks to this Alliance we will be able to provide our clients with a thorough advice. This is not only the case when it comes to the sale and purchase of horses, but also in the event that a dispute arises after the sale and purchase and a civil litigation procedure, often taking place abroad, seems inevitable. As an Alliance Group we will also be able to provide support to our Partners with specific knowledge related to other areas of expertise such as International collaborations, FEI disciplinary cases, liability claims and veterinary legal matters and so on.

Luc Schelstraete



BELGIUM  
**BRUSSELS**

Law Office Beelen was founded in 1978 by Mr. Bert Beelen. Meanwhile the office has become a midsized office in Belgium at which 18 lawyers and 6 administrative co-workers are active.

Each lawyer has a strong specialism for a certain field of expertise in which a high level of professionalism is aimed for. The law office is known for its tradition leading to a juridical creativity and a global solution for all juridical problems at top level.

The Equine Law is one of the niches in which Law Office Beelen, and more specifically Mr. Katrien Beelen, is specialised as one of the only lawyers in Belgium. No effort is too much and the work is done fast and efficient, while keeping a perfect communication with the client.

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KSA offers legal and transactional services tailored to the needs and nature of the client.

KSA's main areas of practice are business law, commercial and civil litigation, insolvency and bankruptcy law, construction law, environmental and land planning law, labor and administrative law, real estate law, non-contentious proceedings, estates, security interests and equine law. Equine matters at KSA are handled by Me Julien-Pierre Côté, himself a breeder of high quality showjumpers and a longtime horse enthusiast, supported by a very competent team of professionals in each relevant field of expertise. We have represented clients in matters relating to horse sales and purchases, lease agreements, horse co-ownership, boarding agreements and vendor's liability.

We have also represented other professionals such as veterinarians with regards to disciplinary and professional issues. We can also support our clients' needs in connection with sports law matters.

KSA's clients are mainly business people, including individuals from Quebec. However, our professionals regularly intervene in Ontario and, occasionally, in Canada, in United States, and in the territory of the European Union. KSA provides services in French and English.

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**AVOCATS**  
présence et expertise

Julien-Pierre Côté



The d'ORNANO QUERNER DHUIN firm has a network of trusted associates and partners (lawyers, solicitors, barristers, bailiffs) in France, Europe, and in the United States, which enables it to handle the following types of cases in the best conditions:

Cases involving specific issues that do not fall within our partners' specialities (e.g. intellectual property law, inheritance law, property law, banking law).

Cases that require filing emergency proceedings either in France or abroad.

Cases related to the Equine sport.

## d'Ornano Querner Dhuin

AVOCATS À LA COUR

Jean Phillipe Querner



GERMANY  
**VERDEN**

Our law firm is composed by a team of professional lawyers, tax advisors and notaries looking back on more than 100 years of tradition.

We advise our clients in all matters of civil law, contract law and business law. In this regard, we focus on counseling mid-sized companies, municipalities and consumers.

As a particular specialty and with long tradition we also provide advice and litigation for breeding associations, sellers and purchaser in the fields of equine law.

We gained great experience in designing individual purchase contracts or conditions of sale for the auctions of breeding associations and sales events. We represent our clients in litigation concerning after-sale disputes like withdrawals, reductions of the purchase price or claims for damages.

Moreover, we have extensive experience concerning claims against veterinarians. As conflicts arise often in the context of pre-purchase examinations or with regard to an improper treatment of the horse we are glad to provide our clients with professional advice and assistance in the corresponding legal disputes.

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Sascha Muench



INDIA  
**MUMBAI**

Kevic Setalvad is a 4th Generation lawyer practising in the Bombay High Court, the Supreme Court of India and the various other High Courts across India.

He commenced practice in the year 1990 and was designated as a Senior Advocate (the equivalent of a Queens Counsel in the United Kingdom) in the year 2011. He was appointed as the Additional Solicitor General of India during the period 2012 to 2014, during which period he represented the Government of India in the most important matters concerning the Union of India. Kevic Setalvad's practice is wide ranging and covers litigation in Civil Law, Commercial Law, Constitutional Law and International & Indian Arbitration.

Kevic Setalvad's association in the equestrian world is as one of the prominent owners of sport horses in India. He owns a string of European sport horses which are stabled and trained on the outskirts of the city of Bangalore in India. Both his sons, Kaevaan Setalvad and Zahan Setalvad, are the premier showjumping riders of India.

# Setalvad

Kevic Setalvad



NETHERLANDS  
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**(HEAD OFFICE)**

Our work for foreign clients is carried out primarily within the fields of Company Law and Equine Law. When it comes to these legal fields, Schelstraete Lawyers prides itself on its extensive experience and insight into the effects of cross-border transactions.

In order to be able to best promote the interests of Dutch companies and private individuals abroad, we avail ourselves of the know-how of law firms and/or tax specialists in most EU countries and the United States; we maintain close ties with these professionals who apply the same practically oriented approach we do.

In the legal field, equine law is considered a niche. For Schelstraete Lawyers, however, this is not the case. With over 30 years of experience, we are a trendsetting firm in this field.

Mr L.M. (Luc) Schelstraete, LL.M., active at the time as a rider in dressage and combined competition sports, was asked with increasing frequency to answer legal questions related to the equine sport.

Eventually, this led to several employees at the firm becoming active, on a daily basis, with many topics directly related to the equine sport.

[www.schelstraete.nl](http://www.schelstraete.nl)



**S C H E L S T R A E T E**  
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POLAND  
**WARSAW**



**LEXHIPPICA**  
LEGAL OFFICE

The LexHippica was founded by two lawyers: Anita Garnuszek and Agnieszka Cwajna.

"Lex Hippica Legal Office provides legal services in particular regarding legal representation in arbitration and litigation, including cases concerning recovery of claims due to horse defects and compensation recovery, legal representation in proceedings before the Polish Equestrian Federation (PZJ) and the International Equestrian Federation (FEI), legal consultancy on sports law, civil law, commercial law, labour law, private international law and corporate services.

Lex Hippica lawyers are also authors of numerous publications on legal issues associated with the equestrian industry. They also give lectures to the representatives of the equestrian environment in collaboration with the Polish Horse Breeders Association and during international horse competitions which take place in Poland such as CAVALIADA."

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Anita Garnuszek

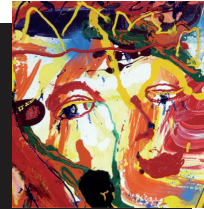


SWEDEN  
**MALMÖ - LUND - STOCKHOLM**

Gulliksson (founded 1975) is one of the leading law firms in Sweden within our specialized areas offering qualified advice and service within commercial law and associated areas with a special focus on intellectual property, dispute resolution, company law, insolvency law and environmental law.

Gulliksson also represents individual athletes, entrepreneurs, clubs and associations at various authorities, courts and committees. We can also assist in negotiations and sponsoring contracts due to our knowledge in Sports and Media law. Our clients range from professional riders, breeders, agents, veterinarians, equine authorities and investors that each and together form the backbone and drive development in today's modern and successful equestrian sports and business.

Gulliksson handles all kinds of business disputes – in general courts, administrative courts, authorities and arbitration tribunals. We represent clients in negotiations, court procedures, arbitration procedures, mediation, international dispute resolution and alternative dispute settlement. Our experience of processing also extends outside Sweden's borders and our understanding and experience of equine law is extensive. Gulliksson has many employees who are active in sports in different ways, and within equine especially. Some as participants and others as board members or as representatives in reputable associations.



**GULLIKSSON**

Cecilia Tholse Rogmark



SWITZERLAND  
**ZÜRICH**

Founded 1988, LANTER is bound by tradition. The longstanding professional experience and individual counselling qualify LANTER as reliable and efficient partner for its clients. With a compact, yet versatile team, LANTER covers a broad spectrum of specialized legal areas, and can therefore offer tailor-made solutions from a single source to its clients.

LANTER provides advice and litigates in many legal areas such as commercial law, contracts, tax, art, inheritance, construction, healthcare and life sciences, and equine law.

LANTER offers extensive international experience and is internationally well-connected.

German, English, French, and Italian are working languages.

LANTER

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Monika Gattiker



## UNITED KINGDOM **LONDON**

Morgan Sports Law offers a wide range of services for its equestrian sports clients, led by Lisa Lazarus, former General Counsel of the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI). We represent equestrian athletes, trainers and horse owners in disputes arising under the Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication regulations from the FEI Tribunal through to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. The firm also advises equestrian sports clients on best practices in stable management to avoid anti-doping and other potential rule violations.

# MORGAN

Further, the firm provides guidance to equestrian events and businesses that are seeking counsel from lawyers with a deep knowledge of the industry and its related rules and regulations.

## SPORTS LAW

Lisa Lazarus



Emma Waters



Mike Morgan



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
**SAN FRANCISCO**

Hey & Hey Attorneys at Law was founded by Randy Hey and Polly Hey Panos, a father and daughter team who have committed their firm to offering a full range of equine legal services. While Randy has been practicing since 1971, the two formed the practice in the heart of horse country back in 2006.

Together, they aim to provide counsel and assistance to anyone involved in the ownership, lease, or sale of a horse, involving all related legal matters. We encourage local clients and those throughout the state to visit the experienced equine lawyer they need right here in Portola Valley, California.

Hey & Hey Attorneys at Law provides clients with a full range of equine law services, covering matters related to both contracts and litigation. Our attorneys are licensed to practice in California, and frequently help clients traveling from all over the state. We encourage our clients and friends to protect themselves and their horses with both legal documentation and a thorough understanding of their unique legal needs.

Whether you own a boarding business, market yourself as a horse trail guide, or just bought a pony for your daughter, you should know your rights and your liability.

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Randy Hey



Polly Hey Panos



# REFERENCES

## Several references of Schelstraete in 2018

### Litigation

Israeli client of Schelstraete wins Court of Appeal procedure in The Hague (The Netherlands): Client's claim for compensation of 50.000 euro based on the annulled purchase of a dressage horse granted: source: ECLI:GH-DHA:2017:3097 dated 25 January 2018.

Swedish client of Schelstraete and Burkart Fischer wins Court of Appeal procedure in Celle (Germany): purchase agreement on expensive dressage horse successfully annulled based on mall representations and fraud, claim of 2 million euro towards seller, commissioners and trainer granted.

Dutch client of Schelstraete wins Court of Appeal procedure in 's-Hertogenbosch (The Netherlands): civil arrest on horses of client Schelstraete lifted; source: ECLI:NL:GHSHE:2018:1172 dated 20 March 2018

Saudi client of Schelstraete wins Court of Appeal procedure in Arnhem (The Netherlands): Horse trainer does not have a right of retention. Court lifts arrest on several horses. Source: ECLI:NL:GHARL:2018:3893 dated 24 April 2018

Dutch client of Schelstraete wins civil procedure in 's-Hertogenbosch (The Netherlands): client was seller of grand prix show jumper to Canadian buyer with purchase price of 650.000 euro. Court rejects Buyer's claim for annulment of purchase agreement. Buyer should have tried the horse herself and is no consumer. Source: ECLI:RBOBR:2018:5905 dated 28 November 2018

Japanese client of Schelstraete wins a civil law suit up to the Supreme Court in Bulgaria against a Swedish counterparty: ruling no. 587/14 of the District Court of Varna, commercial department, dated 14 February 2018.

Swedish client of Schelstraete wins enforcement dispute from counterparty who tried to stop the execution of a German Court decision on two million euro claim. Source: The Court of Appeal (Hovrätten över Skåne och Blekinge) ruling no. nr ÖA 2994-18 dated 26 October 2018.

Dutch client of Schelstraete wins litigation on painting (Jacob Jordaens). Client is seller of a painting of which buyer claimed this was not an original. Buyers claim for compensation of 650.000 euro rejected. Source: Court 's-Hertogenbosch, dated 5 September 2018

Dutch client of Schelstraete wins short lawsuit from American Counterparty in Amsterdam (The Netherlands): Court limited civil arrest on property client from 2,5 million to 285.000. Source: ECLI:NL:RBAMS:2018:9144 dated 12 December 2018

Dutch client of Schelstraete wins a by the English counterparty alleged neurectomy case: the judge rejected the claims of the English buyer because buyer failed to prove that the intention with the purchase of the horse from client was to partake in FEI dressage competitions. Source: Court 's-Hertogenbosch, dated 19 April 2019

Dutch client of Schelstraete, an Equine Business Owner and organizer of Equine Events, wins case from a Dutch Caterer about the catering for an event in Italy. Caterer needs to pay the client of SEL 200.000 euro. Source: ECLI:NL:GHSHE:2018:4029 dated 3 October 2018

### Advising and contracting

Conclusion of a long term contract between highly ranked FEI show jumper and American horse owner

Contractual agreements (joint ventures) regarding several 4\* and 5\* equestrian competitions nationally and internationally

Negotiations on behalf of client of Schelstraete to participate in Global Champions League (GCL) Team

Schelstraete advised several non-European Olympic riders and their company's on tax issues in Europe and their European domicile

Schelstraete advises clients on their Equestrian Facility/Property transactions

Japanese client establishes his equine business successfully in The Netherlands with the assistance of Schelstraete

Schelstraete claimed successfully 750.000 euro and 250.000 euro for a Dutch client at its English Insurance Company

Negotiated successfully with a Dutch bank about waiving the debt of Schelstraete's client of 700.000 euro

## Disciplinary cases

Positive outcome at the FEI Tribunal for Saudi client.

Successful settlement in FEI disciplinary cases for a Dutch and a Saudi client of Schelstraete

## Several references of Morgan Sports Law in 2017 & 2018

### Waad Nadim Moghlbay and Daiana Chopita

(12 October 2018)

On 9 December 2017, Endurance rider, Daiana Chopita competed in the CEI1\* 100 on horse JC Cahuel. On 23 December 2017, endurance rider, Waad Nadim Bou Moghlbay, participated in the CEI2\* 120 on horse JLB Noche. Ms Chopita also competed on another horse, HLP Gadafi. Samples taken from the three UAE registered horses, namely JC Cahuel, JLB Noche and HLP Gadafi following their respective events revealed the presence of Trometamol, a Banned Substance listed on the 2017 FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List. Both riders were provisionally suspended on 9 and 10 January 2018 respectively as the Person Responsible.

Following an investigation, it was established that the source of the Trometamol found in the horses' samples was a supplement that contained Trometamol as an unlisted and inactive ingredient (alkalizing agent)– which Ms Chopita and Ms Bou Moghlbay could not have known about.

Morgan Sports Law subsequently submitted a request to the FEI List Group that the classification of Trometamol be revised to a Controlled Medication (rather than a Banned Substance). This request was accepted by the FEI List Group and was later approved by the FEI Bureau, meaning that as of 1 January 2019 Trometamol will be reclassified as a Controlled Medication (subject to acceptance by the National Federations).

In light of the reclassification, Morgan Sports Law reached a settlement agreement with the FEI that meant Ms Chopita and Ms Bou Moghlbay would serve a backdated six-month period of ineligibility (instead of a possible 2 years). This agreement has been ratified by the FEI Tribunal and incorporated into a Final Decision, meaning that both riders are immediately free to return to competition.

### Paige Johnson free to resume her career with immediate effect

(13 October 2017)

Morgan Sports Law acts for equestrian rider, Ms Paige Johnson, in her successful appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport ("CAS") against a one-year ban imposed on her by the Fédération Équestre Internationale ("FEI").

In April 2017, Ms Johnson was suspended from competition after being notified that a Banned Substance had been detected in a sample collected from her horse, Luke Skywalker 46, in February.

An Independent Panel of the FEI imposed a one-year ban on Ms Johnson, following which Ms Johnson instructed Morgan Sports Law to represent her in her appeal to CAS.

Ms Johnson's suspension was subsequently reduced to three (3) months, backdated to February 2017. Accordingly, Ms Johnson is free to resume her riding career with immediate effect.

Mike Morgan and Donna Bartley of Morgan Sports Law represented Ms Johnson alongside Lisa Lazarus.

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