

Blockchain will drive future M&A activity

At the M&A Conference Katja van Kranenburg will share her thoughts on the development of Legal Tech in the Legal industry and particular in the M&A world. She will highlight the mechanics of blockchain and touch upon some of the legal aspects of smart contracts. Finally she will give some insights of what is happening in the Netherlands in blockchain and smart contracts and share a number of achievements of the Dutch Blockchain Coalition.

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Katja van Kranenburg heads the Employment & Pensions department and the Technology, Communications & Media Sector Group of CMS in the Netherlands. CMS has taken the opportunity to work on a pilot with Ortec and IBM Watson and by doing so CMS is the first law firm in the Netherlands who has worked on building a Watson who understands all about transfers of undertakings. Katja led the employment team working on this pilot. In 2017 CMS joined the Dutch Blockchain Coalition (DBC) as one of its key partners. DBC is a public-private cooperation initiated by the TU Delft, TNO and the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate, coordinated by ECP. DBC has three action lines: Digital Identities, Conditions and the Human Capital Agenda (HCA). Katja heads the HCA which aims to speed up the understanding and implementation of blockchain in the Netherlands in industries, within the Government and within/by educational institutions.

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