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Laura Martens obtained a Master of Laws (*magna cum laude*) from the University of Antwerp in 2018. As part of her post-graduate studies, she studied at the University of Montreal for one semester. In 2022, she obtained a Doctor of Laws and PhD in Applied Economic Sciences with her thesis about quality control throughout the legislative process, which was supervised by Professors Dr. Patricia Popelier and Dr. Wim Marneffe.

Laura is a member of the Limburg Bar and has been working at Monard Law since 2022. She focuses mainly on environmental law, energy law, urban planning law, and administrative law. In addition, as a scientific researcher, she is affiliated with the Government & Law research group

at the University of Antwerp.

EXPERIENCE

September
2016 – June
2018

University of Antwerp, Aspirant Researcher

March 2017 –
April 2017

Eubelius, Winter Internship

July 2017 –
August 2017

Stibbe, Summer Internship

August 2017 –
October 2017

Permanent Mission of Belgium to the United Nations Office in Geneva, Internship

October 2018 – September 2022 **Faculty of Law – University of Antwerp; and Faculty of Business Economics – Hasselt University, Doctoral scholarship**

October 2022 - Present **Monard Law, Junior Associate**

EDUCATION

2013 - 2016 **Bachelor of Laws, University of Antwerp**

2018 **Exchange Student, University of Montreal**

2016 – 2018 **Master of Laws, University of Antwerp**

2018 – 2022 **Doctor of Laws, University of Antwerp**

2018 – 2022 **PhD in Applied Economic Sciences, Hasselt University**

2020 **Research Fellowship, Bar-Ilan University (Israel)**

2021 – 2022 **Post-graduate Studies in Business Administration, Accountancy & Finance Programme, Hasselt University**

PUBLICATIONS

- “Kwaliteitscontrole doorheen de wetgevingscyclus”, *NJW* 2022, afl. 470, 807.
- Case commentaries (in Dutch) published in the law journal *Rechtskundig Weekblad*.

- En bij de annotaties gepubliceerd in het Rechtskundig Weekblad: EHRM 25 mei 2021, Big Brother Watch e.a. t/ VK en Centrum för Rättvisa t/ Zweden.
- “De rol van de kwaliteitscontrole doorheen de Vlaamse wetgevingscyclus en de toetsing door het Grondwettelijk Hof: een empirische studie,” *Tijdschrift voor Wetgeving* 2021, pp. 221-233
- “De Vlaamse RIA als geheim wapen bij de proportionaliteitstoets door het Grondwettelijk Hof?”, *Rechtskundig Weekblad* 2021, pp. 1043-1054
- “Hervorming van de Vlaamse RIA : wordt het kind met het badwater weggegooid?”, *Tijdschrift voor Wetgeving* 2019, pp. 145-159
- ECHR 17 September 2020, Kotilainen v Finland;
- ECHR 18 February 2020, Makdoudi v Belgium;
- ECHR 11 February 2020, Buturugă v Romania;
- ECHR 17 October 2019, López Ribalda e.a. v Spain;
- ECHR 29 January 2019, Mifsud v Malta;
- ECHR 28 August 2018, Vizgirda v Slovenia.