

Dolf Segaar, Attorney

In July 2021, Dolf Segaar launched his own law firm, specializing in governance and procedural law, with a strong focus on sports law. His firm serves both national and international clients.

Dolf began his legal career in 1989 at the law firm now known as CMS. Alongside his practice as an attorney, he held several international leadership roles within CMS, including Managing Partner of CMS Netherlands and member of the CMS Executive Committee.

Dolf is an expert in sports law and related areas, including governance (monitoring & compliance) in sports, legal procedures in sports, broadcasting rights & digital media, e-sports and sporting events.

He is actively involved as supervisory board member in both national and international sports organizations.

In 2022, Dolf was appointed as an arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne.

Through his work in sports law, Dolf has gained extensive knowledge of the rules and regulations relating to sport federations.

He has published various articles on sports law and is a regular speaker at seminars on this topic.

Since 2024, he has served as a visiting professor at the Seoul National University in the Sport Management program 'Dream Together,' where he teaches the module on 'Sports Arbitration'.

In 2015, he received the honorary medal from NOC*NSF in recognition of his contributions to sport.

His clients include a variety of sport federations, Dutch Olympic Committee, professional football clubs, sports marketing agencies, event organizers and one of the world's largest sports brands in apparel and equipment.



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Expertise

Corporate Governance
(Corporate) Litigation
Sport
Technology

Career

1989: CMS
1998: Partner CMS
2003: Member of the board
CMS NL
2008-2016: Managing Partner
CMS NL
2000-2016: Member Executive
Committee CMS International
2021-present : Segaar Sports
Law
2024-present : visiting professor
Seoul National University

Education

2024-2025: Virtuous Governance
and Supervision, RU Groningen
(Comenius)
2016: LLM Sports Law Montfort
University UK
2013: Harvard Law School
Executive Education,
Leadership in Law Firms
1999: Company Law, Grotius
Academy, Nijmegen
1987, University Utrecht
Dutch Law

Languages

Dutch
English

Experience

- Successfully represented Eredivisie football club FC Twente in legal proceedings regarding the withdrawal of its license by the KNVB.
 - Advised FC Twente in various related matters before the KNVB arbitration committee and the Netherlands Arbitration Institute (NAI).
 - Legal advisor to one of the world's largest sports brands, advising on contract law and strategic issues including litigation.
 - Advises sports marketing agencies on contractual matters and media rights relating to events.
 - Advises several Dutch Eredivisie clubs on football-related issues, including governance, compliance, and specific licensing requirements imposed by the KNVB in the acquisition of professional football clubs.
 - Expert in doping cases: Dolf was chair of the Netherlands Doping Authority and chair of the Anti-Doping Panel of the International Bobsleigh & Skeleton Federation. He represented André Onana in his doping case before UEFA and CAS.
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Additional Positions

Current

- *2025–present:* Member, Supervisory Board, Royal Dutch Lawn Tennis Association (KNLTB)
- *2017–present:* Chair, Supervisory Board, Topsport Amsterdam
- *2022–present:* Editorial Board Member, Journal of Football and Sports Legal Affairs, Boom Publishers

Previous

- *2000–2005:* Chair, Audit Committee, Doping NOC*NSF
 - *2007–2015:* Board Member / Chair, Netherlands Doping Authority
 - *2008–2020:* Chair, Zoneparc Foundation (innovative school playgrounds)
 - *2010–2021:* Chair, Anti-Doping Panel, International Bobsleigh & Skeleton Federation
 - *2012–2014:* Member, Advisory Board, Over Amstel Publishing
 - *2015–2016:* Secretary, Supervisory Board, ADO Den Haag
 - *2014–2015:* Chair, Grand Départ Tour de France Utrecht Foundation
 - *2010–2022:* Board Member, Dutch Fund for Disabled Sports
 - *2013–2022:* Chair, Prokkel Foundation, promoting an inclusive society for people with intellectual disabilities
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