

OBLIGATION OF IDENTIFICATION

Following the European directive of December 4, 2001, the Belgian law to prevent the use of the financial system for money laundering and terrorist financing has extended the identification and reporting obligation of unusual transactions to services since February 2004. by lawyers.

On the basis of Article 21 § 1 of the Law of September 18, 2017, a lawyer is legally obliged, in certain circumstances, to verify the identity of his client on the basis of one or more pieces of evidence or reliable and independent source of information and to provide evidence of this. keep.

This obligation applies to clients as well as natural persons, legal persons and their representatives.