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Bob Wessels is Professor Emeritus of International Insolvency Law at the University of Leiden (The Netherlands) from 2007–2014. Prior to this position he was for twenty years Professor of Commercial Law at Vrije University (Amsterdam, The Netherlands). He is Chairman of the Conference of European Restructuring and Insolvency Law (CERIL).

He has over 45 years business law experience, including 13 years as a partner of (predecessors of) Ernst & Young, in Amsterdam and London, including a global managerial function. He was one of the founders/partners of HVG Law (attorneys and civil notaries) in 1992, with five offices in the Netherlands and two in USA (New York City, Chicago). From 2005-2019 he had his own independent (international) legal practice, acting as expert witness (some 10 times in courts in the USA, UK, Belgium, Poland, Switzerland, Greece, Austria, Ireland) and as (international) arbitrator, mainly in the area of general contract law, restructuring and insolvency law. He also acted as a consultant to the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

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Until 2016 he has served, since 1988, as Deputy Justice at the Court of Appeal (The Hague, The Netherlands). He has over 40 years of experience as an independent legal counsel and arbitrator and acted as a consultant to the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Since 2010 he has been Expert Counsel in matters of restructuring and insolvency law to the European Commission.

He is since 1999 the sole author of the Dutch series Wessels *Insolventierecht* (10 Volumes, presently in its 5th edition).

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