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Experience/Career History:

Reinout was appointed as professor of civil and commercial law at Tilburg University in 1992 and has become part-time professor of insolvency law at Leiden University (Departments of Company Law and Business Studies) since 2016. He was also substitute judge in the Court of Appeal of Amsterdam until 2012 and, as such, a member of the Court of Discipline, the final Dutch disciplinary board of the Dutch Bar Association in 2010-2011.

In 2012 Reinout returned to the bar and was appointed partner at De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek, currently in the Finance & Restructuring department, where he focuses primarily on the corporate restructuring and insolvency practice and related litigation. He acted as Dutch counsel in various well-known cross-border matters, such as Oi Telecom (recuperação judicial) in Brazil, the then largest Latin-American restructuring, in the restructuring and insolvency of its Dutch subsidiary, Portugal Telecom International Finance B.V., Dutch retail icon HEMA in its capital restructuring, Jet Airways (India) and its Indian Restructuring Professional with respect to its Dutch bankruptcy estate and the Cross-Border Insolvency Protocol. Furthermore, he rendered various expert opinions on recognition of English schemes of arrangements/restructuring plans for Dutch entities.

Publications of Interest:

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Aalbers H., Adriaanse J.A.A., Boon J.M.G.J., Rest J.I. van der, Vriesendorp R.D. & Van Wersch F. (2019), Does pre-packed bankruptcy create value? An empirical study of postbankruptcy employment retention in The Netherlands, *International Insolvency Review* 28(3): 320-339.

Other Information (awards, professional recognition etc):

Reinout educated not only numerous students at all levels but also many Dutch insolvency practitioners and qualifying bankruptcy judges in their post-graduate Insolad/Grotius specialisation courses for almost three decades. He was a member of

the Dutch government's Committee on Insolvency Law, which drafted a proposal for an entirely revised Insolvency Act in 2007. Reinout is one of the initiators of the Dutch Scheme (WFOA), enacted in 2021.

Reinout was longtime editor of the Dutch Insolvency Law Review (Tijdschrift voor Insolventierecht) since its inception in 1995 until 2021 and since 2000 member of the editorial board of the International Insolvency Review (IIR). Professional memberships include INSOL Europe (Academic Wing) and INSOL International (Academic Group), International Insolvency Institute (III), Netherlands Association of Comparative and International Insolvency Law (NACIIL) and the Dutch Restructuring Association (DRA). He is longtime Insolad fellow and he co-founded the independent Conference on European Restructuring and Insolvency Law (CERIL) of which he is Executive board member.