

Ruling

**NORTHERN
NETHERLANDS
DISTRICT
COURT**



Civil law

C/17/190788 / HA ZA 23-172

Venue:
Leeuwarden

Case number:

Case list decision of 1 October 2025

in the case of

1. [REDACTED]
of [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] S,
[REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
of [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]
of [REDACTED]
6. (THE LATE) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
7. [REDACTED]
of [REDACTED]
plaintiffs,
hereinafter jointly referred to as: Minks et al.,
lawyer: Mr P.W.H. Stassen,

against

1. EVERHARDUS ITE HOFSTRA,
2. JAAP TAMINO VAN DISSEL,
3. MARIA PETRONELLA GERARDA KOOPMANS,
4. MARK RUTTE,
5. SIGRID AGNES MARIA KAAG,
6. HUGO MATTHEÛS DE JONGE,
7. ERNST JOHAN KUIPERS,
8. DIEDERIK ANTONIUS MARIA PAULUS JOHANNES GOMMERS,
9. WOPKE BASTIAAN HOEKSTRA,
10. CORNELIA VAN NIEUWENHUIZEN,
[REDACTED]
14. FEIKE SIJBESMA,
all electing domicile in The Hague,
17. THE STATE OF THE NETHERLANDS,
with its seat in The Hague,
solicitors: Mr R.W. Veldhuis and Mr M.E.A. Möhring,
hereinafter referred to as:
Hofstra et al.

11. ALBERT BOURLA,

residing in Greenwich (United States of America), represented by D. Roessing, LL.B., and
Bredenoord-Spoek, LL.B., hereinafter referred to as: Bourla,

12. GISELLE JACQUELINE MARIE-THÉRÈSE VAN CANN,

residing in the municipality of De Bilt,

13. PAUL EDWIN JANSEN,

residing in the municipality of Leiden,
lawyers: L. Broers and R.H.W. Lamme,
hereinafter referred to as Van Cann et al.,

15. WILLIAM HENRY BILL GATES III,

residing in Medina, Washington (United States of America),
lawyer: W. Heemskerk,

hereinafter referred to as:

16. AGNES CATHARINA VAN DER VOORT-KANT,

having elected domicile in Amsterdam,
lawyer: Mr A.H. Ekker,
hereinafter
referred to as: Van der Voort-Kant,
the defendants.

1. The proceedings

1.1. The further course of the proceedings is set out in:

- the statement of reply and amendment to the claim on the part of Minks et al.
- the statement of rejoinder on the part of Hofstra et al.
- the statement of rejoinder and response to the increased claim on the part of Van Cann et al.
- the statement of rejoinder on the part of Bourla
- the rejoinder on the part of Gates
- the rejoinder on the part of Van der Voort-Kant.

1.2. The case was subsequently referred to today's roll for a roll order.

2. The grounds

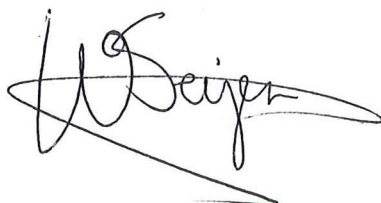
The parties have submitted their replies and rejoinders. On the basis of the parties' submissions, the court finds that there are various procedural issues between the parties. The court will first rule on these in its judgment. To that end, it will refer the case to the court roll. At a later stage of the proceedings, as previously announced, a date for an oral hearing will be set. Once this is on the agenda, the parties will be given the opportunity to inform the court of any wishes they may have regarding the conduct of the substantive part of that oral hearing. The court will then rule on these matters.

3. The decision

3.1. The case is placed on the roll for judgment on **Wednesday 12 November 2025**.

This decision on the listing was given by C.M. Telman, T.P. Hoekstra and P. van Eijk on 1 October 2025.

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