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OVERVIEW

Nikolaos Peristerakis is a partner in the firm's Brussels office. He is a member of the Antitrust, Competition & Trade Regulation practice group.

Nick has more than 20 years of experience advising and representing clients in merger control and antitrust investigations. He has handled the EU and global merger clearance process for hundreds of public M&A, joint venture and private equity transactions. He has also led or co-led numerous high-profile Phase I remedy and Phase II cases before the European Commission and globally. Nick has also handled several complex antitrust and abuse of dominance matters before the European Commission. Key matters include the representation of a leading semiconductor company in the first interim measures case in more than two decades imposed by the European Commission in an abuse of dominance proceeding, and the representation of a major Wall Street bank in the European Commission's *Credit Default Swaps* investigation (GCR Behavioral Matter of the Year in 2016). Nick has represented clients in a wide range of sectors, technology, digital platforms, semiconductors, telecoms, media, aerospace, basic industries, consumer goods, food and beverage, nuclear energy, pharmaceuticals and the financial sector, among others.

Nick has been regularly recognized as a leading competition attorney by Global Competition Review's Who's Who Legal (2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018 and 2020) and Legal 500, and a *"future leader"* by Global Competition Review. In 2017, clients told GCR that Nick was *"great lawyer able to deal quickly with very complex issues raised by significant cases."* In 2018, clients stated that Nick was *"knowledgeable and insightful"* and *"an impressive sparring partner on contentious issues"*. In 2020, clients told GCR that Nick was *"a truly brilliant legal mind, undoubtedly one of the highest skilled lawyers we have seen working on merger control"* and *"a very experienced practitioner with a team oriented working style, coupled with a strong ability to translate complicated legal issues into concrete solutions for clients."* More recently, the 2020 edition of Legal 500 singled Nick out as someone with *"very solid experience in merger control work and beyond"* and *"very responsive and provides well-balanced and practically useful advice."*

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Nikolaos served as counsel with a major Wall Street firm and a Magic Circle firm, where he played a leading role in numerous complex transactions and abuse of dominance investigations.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Member of the antitrust (unilateral conduct) working group of the International Bar Association

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- ECN+: *EU Practitioner's View*, *International Bar Association Stockholm*, June 3, 2022
- *Efficiencies: a Practitioner's Perspective*, *Ithaca Chilling Competition Conference*, August 2018

EDUCATION

- LL.M., University of Michigan Law School, 1997
- LL.M. Eur., College of Europe, Bruges, 1995
- Maitrise en Droit, University of Strasbourg, 1994

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Brussels, (E-List)
- Bar of New York
- Greek Qualified Lawyer

LANGUAGES

- English
- French
- Greek

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 28 March 2024, Brussels Regulatory Brief: March 2024
- 4 March 2024, Brussels Regulatory Brief: February 2024
- 19 February 2024, The European Commission Announces Five New Initiatives in Its Economic Security Package
- 12 February 2024, Brussels Regulatory Brief: Winter 2023-2024
- 4 December 2023, Brussels Regulatory Brief: November 2023
- 26 October 2023, Brussels Regulatory Brief: October 2023

- 27 September 2023, Brussels Regulatory Brief: August-September 2023
- 1 August 2023, Brussels Regulatory Brief: June - July 2023
- 26 July 2023, Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Does Europe's Resale "Pint" Maintenance Decision Mean More Resale Pricing Control for Suppliers?
- 7 July 2023, Somewhat More Clarity on the Reach of the New Foreign Subsidies Regulation
- 5 June 2023, Brussels Regulatory Brief: May 2023
- 5 May 2023, Brussels Regulatory Brief: April 2023
- 20 April 2023, No-Poach Agreements Receive Their Marching Orders in the US and Europe: Do's and Don'ts for HR Departments
- 12 April 2023, The European Commission's New Foreign Subsidies Regime - How to Best Prepare and What to Expect
- 30 March 2023, Brussels Regulatory Brief: March 2023
- 24 February 2023, Brussels Regulatory Brief: February 2023
- 7 February 2023, This Is Your (Antitrust) Captain Speaking: Fasten Your Seatbelts and Comply With Competition Law
- 25 January 2023, Brussels Regulatory Brief: January 2023
- 11 January 2023, K&L Gates' Verticals Predictions for 2023: Top Trends, Opportunities, and Pitfalls
- 20 December 2022, Brussels Regulatory Brief: December 2022
- 22 November 2022, Brussels Regulatory Brief: November 2022
- 27 October 2022, Illumina/Grail—The Dawn of a New Era for Global Merger Control?
- 11 July 2022, EU General Court Sets Aside €1 billion Abuse-of-Dominance Fine on Qualcomm
- 5 July 2022, European Commission Streamlines Merger Control Review Process

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Law enters the human resources space," *Financier Worldwide*, June 2023
- "European merger control – key considerations for public M&A and private equity," *Financier Worldwide*, April 2023
- "A Look At New Vertical Laws, Their Opportunities And Pitfalls," *Law360*, 23 January 2023
- Mega-Mergers: Key Considerations To Get Your Deal Through (Competition Policy International, Inc., May 2016)

- The Commission's merger enforcement in mobile mergers: brave new world for non-coordinated effects? (Competition Policy International, November 2015)
- "Best Practices for the Conduct of Antitrust Procedures: Further Thoughts" (Competition Policy International, Inc., April 2010)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 16 June 2022, K&L Gates Welcomes Antitrust, Competition, and Trade Regulation Partner in Brussels

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Antitrust, Competition, and Trade Regulation