



## Anna Sikora

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## OVERVIEW

Anna Sikora is an associate in the firm's London office. She is a member of the Antitrust, Competition, and Trade Regulation practice group. Anna advises clients on a broad range of European Union and United Kingdom competition issues including vertical supply and resale agreements (in particular advising on go-to-market strategy design and compliance), horizontal agreements and cooperation between competitors, merger clearances, abuse of dominance issues, antitrust compliance. In addition, Anna assists clients in obtaining foreign investment clearance for transactions under the UK's National Security and Investment Act.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Anna served as an in-house lawyer in the London office of an international telecom operator where she focused her practice on competition law. There, she was involved in distribution agreements, merger control clearance, defending a merger clearance against an appeal, industry information requests, and developing and maintaining a commitments compliance program.

Before moving in-house, Anna worked in the EU, trade and competition team of another international law firm. Prior to that, she trained in the London office of a US firm, where she was seconded to the Brussels office to assist in a competition law challenge by a state-owned oil and gas company against the European Commission's decision concerning major Russian gas provider's use of the OPAL gas pipeline, as well as to Airbus's headquarters in France to support their in-house litigation, investigations and compliance team.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognised by *The Legal 500 United Kingdom* edition as a Recommended Lawyer for Commercial contracts and EU and competition in London, 2024

## EDUCATION

- PgDL, King's College of London School of Law, 2021
- Legal Practice Course, University of Law, 2012

- Graduate Diploma in Law, London Metropolitan University, 2010
- Master of Political Science, University of Jan Kochanowski, 2007
- Bachelor of Journalism, Jagellonian University, 2006

## ADMISSIONS

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

## LANGUAGES

- English
- Polish

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “CMA blocks Meta/Giphy. Is the UK regulator the most aggressive on Big Tech merger control?,” Competition Law Insight, 18 January 2023

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Antitrust, Competition, and Trade Regulation

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advising Fiskars’ well known brands on the practical implementation and enforcement of a selective distribution system for the sale of their products in the UK, and the impact of the new vertical distribution rules.
- Advising a leading producer of high quality home devices and appliances on all aspects of their go-to-market strategy, including the design, implementation, and enforcement of its selective distribution strategy in the UK.
- Advising a leading manufacturer of panel boards and OSB on their direct supply agreement to large home construction company in the UK.
- Advising a global media technology company on various antitrust aspects of the trade union initiative in respect of their recommendations of minimum rates and working conditions for contractors.
- Preparing and reviewing distribution agreements for distribution of various products, for instance, surgical and patient monitoring products.
- Advising leading brands and retailers on various competition law related aspects, including non-compete clauses in their lease agreements in respect of large shopping centres or trading parks.

- Advising clients on National Security and Investment Act filings, including preparing preliminary questionnaires in respect of proposed acquisitions of potentially qualifying entities, assessing potential filing requirements, and preparing and submitting filings to obtain clearances.
- Coordinating advice for a producer of headphones on the implementation of packaging and labelling requirements in various Member States as a result of the amendments of the EU Directives on waste, packaging, and packaging waste.
- Providing preliminary advice to a producer of specialist animal supplements on the UK import requirements for certain animal origin ingredients required for the production of their products.