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Charlotta Sittnikow has over 20 years' experience advising domestic and international clients in Finland and abroad.

Data Protection & Privacy

Charlotta has a primary focus on data protection and privacy, with extensive expertise in the GDPR and complex data protection matters. She advises clients on a broad range of privacy and data protection issues, including complex compliance projects, regulatory investigations and authority interactions, data breach response, and data protection aspects of technology transactions and M&A.

Technology & Digital Regulation

Charlotta also advises on technology, e-commerce and consumer law, as well as broader regulatory and compliance matters, particularly in the telecommunications, technology and digital sectors. Her experience includes technology-related projects, cybersecurity, AI governance, digital business models and emerging digital regulation. She advises clients on complex issues at the intersection of privacy, technology and digital regulation.

Practice Areas

Technology, Data & Digital Regulation; Marketing; Corporate and Commercial

Career and qualifications

Waselius Attorneys 2001-; Secondment Mannheimer Swartling, Moscow 2008-2009; Visiting lawyer at Nokia Corporation 2006-2007; District Court of Vantaa, court traineeship 2002-2003; European Parliament, Strasbourg, Trainee 1999.

Certified CIPP/E (Certified Information Privacy Professional / Europe, IAPP 2019).

Education: University of Helsinki, LL.M. 2001; Trained at the Bench, 2003

Selected experience

• Successfully advised a Finnish consumer financial services provided before the Finnish Data Protection Ombudsman in a case relating to cookie compliance, privacy transparency requirements and cross-border data transfers.
• Advising digital service providers on their regulatory obligations in Finland under the EECC (as implemented in Finland), NIS2 and related Finnish legislation as well as on notification obligations relating to personal data breaches, security incidents and service disruptions.

• Advising Finnish mutual insurance company on the development and implementation of AI policies and governance processes.
• Advisor to multinational insurance company's policy holders in events falling within the cyber risk insurance policy.
• Advised a foreign baking and payment technology service provider on the regulatory requirements applicable to the provision of its cloud-based banking and payments technology services in Finland, with a particular focus on GDPR compliance, international data transfers, DORA, cybersecurity regulation and the implementation of the NIS2 framework
• Advised a Finnish alternative investment fund management company on a broad range of data protection matters, including internal privacy due diligence exercises, review of DPIAs and data processing agreements, and ongoing regulatory compliance issues under the GDPR
• Advisor to international retailer on various data protection and privacy matters relating to customer identification and verification processes, privacy risk management, data retention requirements and DPIA obligations
• Advised Hoist Finance on its acquisition of an unsecured consumer credit portfolio from Lowell Group
• Acquisition by Allison Transmission of Dana's Off-Highway Business
• Acquisition by AcadeMedia of Touhula Päiväkodit
• Acquisition by CMA CGM of Bolloré Logistics

Member

Finnish Bar Association (2005); Finnish Law Society; AIJA - International Association of Young Lawyers; ITechLaw – International Technology Law Association; Finnish IT Law Association, IAPP (International Association of Privacy Professionals)

Recent publications

• EDPB:n uusi ohjeluonnos: milloin henkilötieto muuttuu anonyymiksi – ja kenelle?
• Helsinki Administrative Court: Posti was entitled to bundle its digital services – decision clarifies the relationship between service bundling and the GDPR
• The Finnish DPA fines the main postal service in Finland (Posti): biggest administrative fines imposed in Finland since the entry into force of the GDPR
• Digital Markets Act promoting a safer online environment in full force as of 17 February 2024
• Finnish Supreme Administrative Court ruling brings closure regarding first GDPR fines imposed on controllers in Finland
• Stepping into 2023 with significant GDPR rulings from the Finnish DPA and the ECJ