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Joined Firm: 2001

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### Practice Areas

Data Protection; Marketing; Corporate and Commercial

Charlotta Sittnikow has over 20 years' work experience in Finland and abroad. She advises domestic and international clients on a wide variety of matters and arrangements relating to data protection & privacy (GDPR), e-commerce IT and consumer laws, also in M&A related matters. Her practice also includes employee privacy matters. She has also obtained notable experience on a range of regulatory and compliance matters in her practice, and has advised businesses especially in the telecom sector on the legal and regulatory implications connected with regulated markets.

### 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 on the Bench, 2003

### Selected experience

- Advised Hoist Finance on its acquisition of an unsecured consumer credit portfolio from Lowell Group;
- Acquisition by AcadeMedia of Touhula Päiväkodit;
- Acquisition by CMA CGM of Bolloré Logistics;
- Sale by CCR S.A of Quicko to MaaS Global;
- Joint Venture between Neova Oy and Lassila & Tikanoja Plc;
- Advised Hg Capital and Visma in the sale of ownership interests in Visma;
- Advised LocalTapiola Finance in the private securitisation of a portfolio of auto HP contracts;
- Acquisition by One.com of Zoner Oy;
- Acquisition by Euronext of Ticker Software;
- Divestment by Commonwealth Bank of Australia of First State Investments;
- Acquisition by CMA CGM of Containerships Oyj;
- Sale of Maksuturva to Svea Ekonomi;
- Acquisition of Solita by Apax; counsel to Apax;
- Acquisition of Digita Oy by Digital Colony;
- Acquisition by Loomis of Intermarketing Oy;

## 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

- 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