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Practice Areas

Defence and Security; EU and Competition; Mergers and Acquisitions

Juhani Matinlassi has extensive experience in public procurement, large-scale projects, competition law, contracts and dispute resolution. He has a particularly strong background in defence-sector legal matters, having served for nearly seven years as a commercial lawyer at the Defence Command of the Finnish Defence Forces, where he was responsible for major strategic procurements and related litigation, including proceedings before the EU courts.

Career and qualifications

Waselius Attorneys, Partner 2026-; Applex Attorneys Ltd., Partner (2023-2025); Roschier, Attorneys Ltd. (Senior Associate 2018-2023); Finnish Defence Forces, Legal Advisor (2011-2018); Ministry of Justice, Senior Officer for Legal Affairs (2009-2010); Market Court of Finland, Market Court Secretary (2006-2009); Finnish Competition Consumer Authority, Lawyer (2006)

Education: University of Lapland, LL.M. 2004

Selected experience

• Successfully Represented the Finnish Defence Forces Before the Supreme Administrative Court;
Selected work from career prior to Waselius:
• Successfully represented the Finnish Defence Forces in court proceedings related to an Article 346 defence procurement matter, which concerned the procurement of a new small arms family for the Defence Forces as well as the creation of a domestic production capability of the same.
• Advised the Social Insurance Institution of Finland (Kansaneläkelaitos, Kela) in the Eepos ICT procurement project and successfully represented Kela in two related court proceedings. Eepos is Kela's strategic development programme that will renew the entire operational and technological foundation of how Finnish social security is implemented by 2032.
• Project lawyer in the Finnish Defence Forces strategic acquisition programmes
• Strategic partnership agreement between the Finnish Defence Forces and Patria Aviation
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• Strategic partnership agreement between the Finnish Defence Forces and Millog
• Strategic partnership agreement between the Finnish Defence Forces and Suomen Turvallisuusverkko (Erillisverkot)
• Advised clients in a wide range of industries in Public Procurement and EU and Competition law matters
• Successfully represented clients in a wide range of industries in various court proceedings before Market Court, Supreme Administrative Court, District Courts and European Union Court of law, especially in the field of Defence and Security.

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Member

Finnish Bar Association (2020-)

Recent publications

- Hankintalaki muuttui – Sidosyksikköhankinnoille selkeä raja
- Lexology Panoramic: Public Procurement 2026 – Finland
- Co-author of Markkinaoikeuteen valittaminen julkisissa hankinnoissa

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