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Joined Firm: 2000

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### Practice Areas

Tax and Structuring; Real Estate; Corporate and Commercial

### Recognitions

- Listed in the elite "Leading individuals" by The Legal 500 guide to outstanding lawyers 2020
- Recommended as a leading lawyer in Chambers High Net Worth (HNW) guide
- Recommended as leading lawyer in the field of Tax Law by Chambers Europe and Chambers Global
- Recommended as leading lawyer in the field of Tax by The Legal 500
- Recommended as leading lawyer in the field of Corporate Tax by Who's Who Legal
- Recommended in the field of Tax and Corporate Law by Best Lawyers®
- Highly Regarded by ITR World Tax

### Career and qualifications

Waselius Attorneys, Partner 2009-; Waselius Attorneys, Associate 2000-2008; Secondment Loyens & Loeff, Rotterdam and Luxembourg 2008; Waselius Attorneys, Trainee, 1997-2000; Landahl & Widstrand Advokatbyrå, Stockholm, Trainee, 1997

Education: University of Helsinki, LL.M. 2000

### Selected experience

- Sale of Fondita Fund Management Company to United Bankers;
- Acquisition by Balder Finland Oy of an industrial property in Vaasa;
- Advised Castllake on EUR 125 million asset-based financing;
- Advised Hoist Finance on its acquisition of an unsecured consumer credit portfolio from Lowell Group;
- Advised Gilead 2025-1 Aviation Limited and Gilead Aviation (Warehouse) LLC on the \$600 million issuance of a public ABS securitisation of aircraft leases;
- Advised LocalTapiola Finance on the EUR 575 million public securitisation of a portfolio of auto HP contracts;
- Advised the Finnish Ministry of Transport and Communications in the transformation of Finnish Rail Ltd into Airport Line Ltd;
- Advised Santander Consumer Finance in the EUR 420 million public securitisation of a portfolio of auto HP contracts;
- Advised LocalTapiola Finance in the EUR 490.2 million public securitisation of a portfolio of auto HP contracts;
- Acquisition by AcadeMedia of Touhula Päiväkodit;
- Advised Santander Consumer Finance in the EUR 450 million public securitisation of a portfolio of auto HP contracts;
- Advised LocalTapiola Finance in the EUR 543.3 million public securitisation of a portfolio of auto HP contracts;

- Refinancing of CABB Chemicals with EUR 670 million Senior Notes offering;
- Acquisition by YOC AG of Nostemediä Oy;
- Advised LocalTapiola Finance in the EUR 462,5 million public securitisation of a portfolio of auto HP contracts
- Acquisition by Eitrium of Ab Keymet Oy;
- Advised LocalTapiola Finance in the EUR 623 million public securitisation of a portfolio of auto HP contracts;
- Advised LocalTapiola Finance in the private securitisation of a portfolio of auto HP contracts;
- Advised LocalTapiola Finance in the EUR 592 million inaugural public securitisation of a portfolio of auto HP contracts;
- Advised LocalTapiola Finance in the private securitisation of a portfolio of auto HP contracts;
- Advised Santander in an EUR 650 million STS labelled securitisation of auto portfolio;
- Waselius advised NREP in office acquisition and residential development;
- Acquisition of Gasmät Technologies Oy by Nederman Holding AB (publ.);
- Advised Santander in an EUR 799 million STS labelled securitisation of auto loans;
- Acquisition by Secto Automotive of OP Kulku;
- Advised Santander Consumer Finance Oy in an auto-loan securitization transaction;
- Acquisition of Solita by Apax;
- Sale of Maksuturva to Svea Ekonomi;
- Fingrid Oyj EMTN Debt Issuance Programme listed on the LSE;
- Acquisition of Digita Oy by Digital Colony;
- Acquisition of Afore Oy by AEM Holdings Ltd.;
- Securitisation of auto loan hire purchase contracts by Santander Consumer Finance Oy;
- Sale of Finland's e-Taxfree to Fintrax Group;
- Acquisition by HiQ International AB (publ) of Great Apes Oy;
- Acquisition by Sagax of a Property Portfolio;
- Securitisation of auto loan hire purchase contracts by Santander Consumer Finance Oy;
- Divestment by BASF of its Finnish slurry production sites;
- Advised Inwido AB on the Finnish tax aspects in preparation of Inwido AB's initial public offering;
- Acquisition by Hemsö Fastighets AB of a portfolio of 15 healthcare and senior care properties;
- Acquisition by Hemsö Fastighets AB of Turku University of Applied Sciences;
- Acquisition by Sagax of real estates in Finland;
- Acquisition of Digita Oy;
- Sale of hotel property Scandic Luosto by Pandox;
- Advised Arbitron Inc. in the tax aspects of the acquisition of Zokem Oy, a Finnish mobile audience measurement and analytics firm;
- Sale of Mondo Minerals by HgCapital;
- Advised HiQ International AB (publ), a Swedish public limited company, in the tax aspects of the acquisition by HiQ International AB (publ) of Friends Technology Oy, a Finnish specialized IT consulting firm;
- Advised Mediq N.V. in the tax aspects and structuring of the acquisition of Oriola-KD Corporation's Healthcare Trade Business;
- Advised a major Nordic directory enquire service company on tax and VAT aspects of a contemplated restructuring and sale of assets;
- Advised a major Swedish bank on tax and VAT aspects of a contemplated restructuring of its distressed assets;
- Advised a leading Nordic asset management company on tax and VAT aspects of a contemplated restructuring of its business operations;
- Advised a US corporation on the VAT aspects of purchase of business assets and IP from Finland;
- Acquisition by RUSNANO of OptoGaN Group;
- Advised a leading European nutritional feed additive manufacturer on VAT issues relating to shipment and storing of goods within and outside the EU as well as on VAT registrations in Finland;
- Advised on the tax aspects of the public takeover by Symphony Technology Group of Aldata Solution Oy;
- Represented a Nordic logistic company with the set-up of a tax-free (bonded) warehouse in Finland;
- Advising a number of financial institutions on the tax aspects of the issuance of debt instruments and structured products

## Member

Finnish Bar Association; Association of Finnish Lawyers; Finnish Law Society; International Fiscal Association, International Bar Association

## Recent publications

- ICLG: Securitisation 2026 – Finland

- Chambers Global Practice Guide: Private Credit 2026 – Finland
- Chambers Global Practice Guide: Securitisation 2026 – Finland
- ICLG Corporate Tax 2026 – Finland
- ICLG: Securitisation 2025 – Finland
- ICLG Corporate Tax 2025 – Finland
- Could cross-collateralised receivables work for interest tax-deductibility purposes?
- European Securitisation: Finland 2024
- International Comparative Legal Guide - Corporate Tax 2022
- ICLG: Corporate Tax laws and Regulations – Finland 2021
- Tax on corporate transactions, corporate lending and bond issues in Finland
- Can gross negligence really mean something else in taxation?