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Joined Firm: 2021

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Practice Areas

EU and Competition

Career and qualifications

Waselius Attorneys 2021 - (Counsel), Ministry for Foreign Affairs 2010 - 2019, 2021 (Legal Counsellor in EU Litigation Unit), Counsel in another Finnish law firm 2019 - 2020, National Emergency Supply Agency 2020, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment 2006 - 2010 (Senior Adviser in Competition Policy Unit), District Court of Mikkeli 2005 (Trainee District Judge)

Education: University of Turku, LL.M. 2004

Selected experience

- Successfully represented CityBike Finland and CityBike Vantaa;
- Successfully represented Olympus Finland in Market Court litigation;
- Advised Public Property Invest ASA on its acquisition of NOK 37bn SocialCo portfolio from SBB;
- Acquisition by First Nordic Metals of Mawson Finland Limited;
- Successfully represented Olympus Finland in public procurement litigation before the Market Court in relation to a major procurement of endoscopies;
- Successfully represented Essity Finland in a public procurement litigation in the Market Court regarding hospital supplies for a value of around 40 million euros;
- Advised Tesi (Finnish Industry Investment Ltd) in a State aid notification concerning consolidation of public-owned PE/VC investment companies and a capital injection of 300 million euros;
- Advised THEON on its investment in Varjo;
- Sale of Aitoenergia to Geonova;
- Advised Aars on its investment in Northcom Solutions;
- Acquisition by Hedin Mobility Group of Ford's import and distribution operations in Finland;
- Acquisition by AcadeMedia of Touhula Päiväkodit;
- Acquisition by CMA CGM of Bolloré Logistics;
- Represented Hedin Automotive in merger control proceedings in connection with its acquisition of Delta Auto;
- Acquisition by Hedin Automotive of Delta Auto;
- Advised in the extension of the EUR 5 billion State aid scheme to municipal energy companies approved by the European Commission
- Advised the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment in a groundbreaking State aid notification procedure regarding a loan to Meyer Turku shipyard.

- Secured the European Commission's approval for the EUR 5 billion State aid scheme to municipal energy companies;
- Sale of Visma's IT consulting business to CVC Capital Partners Fund VIII;
- Acquisition by Equitix of Aurora Infrastructure Oy;
- Successfully represented Ascensia Diabetes Care before the Supreme Administrative Court in a legal precedent case;
- Represented Finland in more than sixty cases before the Court of Justice of the EU covering various fields of EU law
- Case handler in numerous State aid investigations and Infringement proceedings launched by the European Commission
- Advised clients in a wide range of industries in EU and Competition law matters

Member

Finnish Bar Association (2023); Finnish Association for European Law; Finnish Competition Law Association; Finnish Public Procurement Association

Recent publications

- Merit-based competition secured in the Finnish Ice Hockey League
- Finnish FDI regime to be updated – more investments to come under review
- Clear Boundaries to the Use of In-House Companies in Public Contracts
- Hankintalaki muuttui – Sidosyksikköhankinnoille selkeä raja
- ICLG: Foreign Direct Investment Regimes 2026 – Finland
- ICLG: Foreign Direct Investment Regimes 2025 – Finland
- The Increasing Tension between National FDI Screening and EU's Freedom of Establishment
- ICLG: Foreign Direct Investment Regimes 2024 – Finland
- Economic Continuity in State Aid Recovery Cases, Annotation on the Judgment of the Court of Justice in Case C-890/19 P Fortischem v Commission, European State Aid Law Quarterly 3/2022
- Verotusta koskevien ennakkoratkaisupyyntöjen käsittely EU:n tuomioistuimessa, Verotus 1/2020