

EU REGULATORY LAWYER

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Areas of expertise

- Antitrust
- Internal Market Law
- Life Sciences
- Native speaker proficiency in German
- Fluent in English and French



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Apr19 - present **Legal Consultant**
Willkie Farr Gallagher, Antitrust and EU Law Practice, Brussels
- Notifications of mergers and joint ventures to the Federal Cartel Office;
 - Drafting research notes in German and English on CJEU case-law on cartels and Commission decisions on state aid and sponsorships of films and events;
 - Working languages: German, English, French.
- Sep18 - Mar19 **Project Associate Lawyer**
Hogan Lovells International LLP, Antitrust, Competition and Regulatory Law Practice, Munich
- e-Discovery and document review in the context of ongoing antitrust investigations;
 - Drafting memoranda and legal opinions addressed to the European Commission or the Federal Cartel Office;
 - Working languages: German, English.
- Sep17 - Aug18 **Legal Consultant**
K&L Gates GP, Competition & EU Regulatory Law Practice, Brussels
- Monitoring the legislative framework on economic sanctions, renewable energy and aviation agreements;
 - Legal opinions on vertical restraints in the e-commerce sector; on unilateral and vertical effects in mergers in the air transport sector;
 - Work languages: English, French, German, Italian;
 - Industries: air transport; tourism; fashion; energy; basic industries.
- May17 - Nov17 **Project Consultant**
ICF International, Competition Practice, Brussels/London
- Project consultant for a DG Competition assignment related to EU merger control;
 - Analysis, classification and mapping of DG Competition decisions related to mergers & acquisitions in the period 2005-2016; focus on the definition of geographic and product markets as well as on the assessment of anticompetitive effects;
 - Work languages: English, German;
 - Industries: basic manufacturing; banking & finance; transport; pharmaceuticals; energy; chemicals; other services.
- Sep16 - Apr17 **Associate Lawyer**
Arendt & Medernach S.A., Corporate/M&A - Practice, Luxembourg
- Drafting protocols of general meetings of shareholders, contracts, annexes, amendments, certificates and articles of association; attending general meetings of shareholders and appointments with civil notaries;
 - Work languages: English, German, French;
 - Industries: banking & finance; investment funds; real estates; energy; pharmaceuticals.
- Mar16 - Jul16 **Blue-Book Trainee Lawyer**
European Commission, Directorate-General for Competition (DG COMP)
A-1 Unit, Antitrust Policy and Strategy
- Legal and factual research work; drafting legal opinions and notes related to:
 - Atypical cartels, incl. hub-and-spoke cartels and bid rigging;
 - Legal opinion on bid rigging and prohibited agreements;
 - Antitrust cases in sport and basic industries;
 - Drafting a policy paper on the introduction of mediation into antitrust enforcement;
 - Review of opinions by DG COMP - Units on ongoing investigations (e.g. *Amazon E-books*);
- E-4 Unit, Mergers - Basic Industries***
- *HeidelbergCement / Italcementi and Pai / Nestlé / Froneri* - handling questionnaires sent to Bulgarian customers;
 - *Airbus Safran Launchers / ArianeSpace* - review of draft decision and translation into German;
- A-3 Unit, Policy and Strategy - State aid***
- Drafting reports and notes on the positions of Member States regarding the assessment of state aid by the European Commission;
 - Work languages: English, German, French, Bulgarian;
 - Industries: IT/new technologies; transport; pharmaceuticals; sport; transport; media; basic industries; payment services.
- Jul15 - Dec15 **Legal Consultant**
Covington & Burling LLP, Competition Law Practice, Brussels
- Legal and factual research on the *Google Vertical Search* case; review of documents;
 - The interplay between standard essential patents and antitrust law;
 - Legal memorandum on the development of EU competition law in the food supply chain;
 - Distribution in the air transport industry;
 - Prohibition of re-imports of pharmaceutical products from third countries into the EU;
 - Advising the Council of the EU in proceedings before the CJEU (antidumping);
 - Market definition and replies to Requests for information in *Sanofi / Google / DMI - JV*; *FNAC/ Darty* and

Hutchison / Telefonica;

- Preparation of documents and responding to questionnaires for notifications of cross-border M&A transactions to the European Commission, the German and Austrian competition authorities;
- Work languages: English, German, French, Bulgarian;
- Industries: IT/new technologies; energy; pharmaceuticals; transport; payment services; sport; media.

Aug14 - Sep14

Summer Associate

White & Case LLP, Competition Law / EU Law Practice, Brussels

- Research and legal opinions on fines and public enforcement in EU antitrust law;
- Research on the implementation of the “Kimberley Process” at EU level;
- The transposition of the new EU Directive on Public Procurement by the UK and Germany;
- Legal opinion on the independence and the competences of the Bulgarian Energy Regulation Authority;
- Work languages: English, French, German, Bulgarian, Serbian, Russian;
- Industries: energy; pharmaceuticals; air transport; banking & finance.

Jul14 - Oct14

Associate editor and co-author (trainee)

Revue „Concurrences“, Competition Law Institute, Paris

- Research on EU and French Competition and Regulatory Law and edition of “Grands arrêts du droit de la concurrence” by Prof. Laurence Idot;
- Work languages: English, French.

Aug13 - Sep13

Junior Legal Counsel (trainee)

Ministry of Finance, DG Economic and Financial Policy, Sofia

- Infringement procedures against Bulgaria - free movement of capitals, goods and the 6th VAT Directive;
- Reports and legal analysis on the exemption of State aids for the construction of airports and train stations;
- Coordination and research work on the European Stability Mechanism and the project for a Banking Union;
- Work languages: English, French, Bulgarian.

Aug12 - Sep12

Junior Legal Counsel (trainee)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, DG International Security Policy, Sofia

- The NATO - EU Partnership; energy security; the KFOR and EULEX missions in Kosovo;
- Work languages: English, French, Bulgarian.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Sep14 - Jun15

LL.M. European Legal Studies, distinction

College of Europe, Bruges - Microsoft Excellence Scholarship; College of Europe Excellence Award

- A bilingual post-graduate program taught in French and English;
- Competition Law; Merger Control; State aid; Intellectual Property Law; Law of the Network Industries; Internal Market Law; Common Agricultural Policy; EU Institutional Law; The EU Neighborhood Policy;
- Thesis: “Market Integration, Efficiency, and Interconnectors. How to assure fair cross-border trade of energy?”.

Oct13 - Jun14

Master of Advanced Studies (Master II) in European Union Law - Class of Excellence

Diplôme de l'École de droit de Paris

Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas - Scholarship by the French Government (CROUS de Paris)

- Competition Law; EU Litigation; Internal Market; European Tax Law, EU Foreign Policy;
- Thesis: “The European Patent in the field of biotechnologies. Patentability of life forms”;

Certificate for economic analysis of Law

- Economics of competition; Economics of intellectual property; Antitrust; Merger Control.

Sep12 - May13

Master of Laws (Maîtrise) in European Law

Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne University - Scholarship by the French Government (CROUS de Paris)

- Competition Law; Internal Market; WTO Law; International Business Law; EU Litigation; Intellectual Property Law; EU Financial and Tax Law; International Investment Law.

Oct11 - Jun12

Erasmus Exchange Program, distinction

Paris II Panthéon-Assas University - Erasmus Scholarship

- Internal Market; Intellectual Property; Public International Law; EU Labor Law; EU Politics.

Mar09 - Oct12

Diploma in Legal Studies (Diplomstudium „Rechtswissenschaften“)

University of Vienna

First and Second Diploma Exams (Erste und Zweite Diplomprüfungen), Final Average Grade „Good“, High Honors

Third Diploma Exam (Dritte Diplomprüfung), Expected Average Grade (Vornote) „Very Good“, Highest Honors

- Corporate Law; Competition Law; International Trade Law; Private International Law.

Sep03 - May08

German A-levels (Zeugnis der allgemeinen Hochschulreife), Best 2%

91. Deutsches Gymnasium „Prof. Konstantin Galabov“ - Scholarship by the Bulgarian Government

IT AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

German	Native speaker proficiency	Russian	Intermediate, very good understanding
English	Fluent, TOEFL iBT 105/120 (2017)	Italian	Basic knowledge
French	Fluent, TCF (2012)	Bulgarian	Mother tongue

Office tools Microsoft Office (Word, Power Point, Outlook, Notes, Excel), Adobe Acrobat

Data bases Lamy, Lextenso, Lexis Nexis, Dalloz, EURLEX, Strada, Jura, Beck, WestLaw, MLex, PaRR, Curia

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Theatre Play; Chess; Badminton; Swimming; Photography; Painting; History ; Psychology; Politics; International Relations; Economics