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Areas of expertise

- Antitrust
- EU, German, French, and Austrian Merger Control
- State Aid
- Foreign Direct Investments Control
- Economic sanctions
- Trilingual: English, German, French



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| Oct20 - present | <u>Research Associate and Lecturer</u> Vienna University of Economy and Business, Competition Law and Digitalization Research Group, Vienna <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research in the fields of competition enforcement on digital platforms, platform regulations, algorithmic collusion and merger control; • Writing articles and contributing to research projects; • Teaching competition law for bachelor students (as of 2021); • Working languages: German, English, French. |
| Apr19 - Oct20 | <u>Legal Consultant</u> Willkie Farr Gallagher LLP, Antitrust and EU Law Practice, Brussels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifications of mergers and joint ventures to the Federal Cartel Office and the European Commission; • Foreign investment control analysis notes and notifications of foreign investments to the Federal Ministry of Economy; • Drafting research notes in German and English on CJEU case-law on cartels and Commission decisions on state aid; • Working languages: German, English, French. |
| Sep18 - Mar19 | <u>Project Associate Lawyer</u> Hogan Lovells International LLP, Antitrust, Competition and Regulatory Law Practice Group, Munich <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 | <u>Legal consultant</u> K&L Gates GP, Competition & EU Regulatory Law Practice Group, Brussels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring of the current legislative framework on economic sanctions, renewable energy and international aviation agreements; • Legal opinion on vertical restraints in the e-commerce sector; • Legal research and note on the concept of decision of association of undertakings; • Legal research on unilateral and vertical effects in mergers in the air transport sector; • Working languages: English, French, German, Italian. |
| May17 - Nov17 | <u>Project Consultant</u> ICF International, Competition Practice Group, Brussels / London <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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; • Particular focus on the definition of geographic and product markets as well as on the assessment of anticompetitive effects; • Working languages: English, German. |
| Sep16 - Apr17 | <u>Associate Lawyer</u> Arendt & Medernach S.A., Corporate / M&A – Practice Group, Luxembourg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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; • Working languages: English, German, French. |
| Mar16 - Jul16 | <u>Blue-Book Trainee Lawyer</u> European Commission, Directorate-General for Competition (DG COMP) A-1 Unit, Antitrust Policy and Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal and factual research work; preparing legal opinions and notes related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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; – Restriction of competition “by object” or “by effect” under Article 102 TFEU; – Review of opinions by DG COMP - Units on ongoing investigations (e.g. <i>Amazon E-books</i>); E-4 Unit, Mergers - Basic Industries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>HeidelbergCement / Italcementi and Pai / Nestlé / Froneri</i> - handling questionnaires sent to Bulgarian customers; • <i>Airbus Safran Launchers / Arianespace</i> - review of draft decision and translation into German; A-3 Unit, Policy and Strategy - State aid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafting reports and notes on the positions of Member States regarding the assessment of state aid by the European Commission; • Working languages: English, German, French, Bulgarian. |
| Jul15 - Dec15 | <u>Legal Consultant</u> Covington & Burling LLP, Competition Law Practice Group, Brussels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal and factual research on the <i>Google Vertical Search</i> case; review of documents; • The interplay between standard essential patents and antitrust law; • Legal opinion 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 <i>Sanofi / Google / DMI - JV; FNAC / Darty and Hutchison / Telefonica</i>; • Working languages: English, German, French, Bulgarian. |
| Aug14 - Sep14 | <u>Summer Associate</u> White & Case LLP, Competition Law / EU Law Practice, Brussels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and legal opinions on fines and public enforcement in EU antitrust law; |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merger notifications to national competition authorities and the European Commission; • Research on the implementation of the 'Kimberley Process' at EU level; • Legal opinion on the independence and the competences of the Bulgarian Energy Regulation Authority; • Working languages: English, French, German, Bulgarian, Serbian, Russian. |
| Jul14 - Oct14 | <u>Associate editor and co-author (trainee)</u> 'Concurrences' Review, Competition Law Institute, Paris <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on EU and French Competition and Regulatory Law and edition of 'Grands arrêts du droit de la concurrence' by Laurence Idot; • Working languages: English, French. |
| Aug13 - Sep13 | <u>Junior Legal Counsel (trainee)</u> Ministry of Finance, DG Economic and Financial Policy, Sofia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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; • Working languages: English, French, Bulgarian. |
| Aug12 - Sep12 | <u>Junior Legal Counsel (trainee)</u> Ministry of Foreign Affairs, DG International Security Policy, Sofia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on Public International Law and the EU Common Defense and Security Policy; • The NATO - EU Partnership; energy security; the KFOR and EULEX missions in Kosovo; • Working languages: English, French, Bulgarian. |
| ACADEMIC BACKGROUND | |
| Apr21 - present | <u>PhD Candidate in Competition Law</u> Vienna University of Economy and Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thesis: 'Gatekeepers' Special Responsibility under EU Competition Law'. |
| Sep20 - Jun21 | <u>Executive Master of Advanced Studies (Master 2) in Law of the Internet and Information Systems, distinction</u> University of Strasbourg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copyright; e-Commerce; Trademark Law; Cybersecurity and Cyber-Crimes; Domain Name Law; Competition Law; Data Protection; Public Law and Platform Regulation; Labor Law and the Internet; International Private Law; Social Media Law; Software Licensing and Contracts; Data Bases Law; Tax Law and the Internet; Information Technologies and Programming; • Thesis: "Digital Platforms and Competition". |
| Feb20 - Sep20 | <u>Aptitude Examinations for Admission to the Belgian Bar Associations, distinction</u> French- and German-speaking Bar Association in Belgium, Brussels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examinations for qualification as a Belgian Avocat; • Civil Law; Civil Procedure; Criminal Law; Criminal Procedure; Commercial and Business Law; Ethics. |
| Sep14 - Jun15 | <u>LL.M. European Legal Studies, distinction</u> College of Europe, Bruges <i>Microsoft Excellence Scholarship; College of Europe Excellence Award</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 | <u>Master of Advanced Studies (Master 2) in European Union Law - Class of Excellence</u> Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas - Scholarship by the French Government (CROUS de Paris) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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". |
| Sep12 - May13 | <u>Master of Laws (Maîtrise) in European Law</u> Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne University <i>Scholarship by the French Government (CROUS de Paris)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition Law; Internal Market; WTO Law; International Business Law; EU Litigation; Intellectual Property Law; EU Financial and Tax Law; International Investment Law. |
| Oct11 - Jun12 | <u>Erasmus Exchange Program, distinction</u> Paris II Panthéon-Assas University <i>Erasmus Scholarship</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal Market; Intellectual Property; Public International Law; EU Labor Law; EU Politics. |
| Mar09 - Oct12 | <u>Diploma in Legal Studies (Diplomstudium "Rechtswissenschaften")</u> 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Law; Competition Law; International Trade Law; Private International Law; Public International Law. |
| Sep03 - May08 | <u>German A-levels (Zeugnis der allgemeinen Hochschulreife), Best 1%</u> 91st German High School "Prof. Konstantin Galabov" <i>Annual excellence scholarship by the Bulgarian Government</i> |

IT AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

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| German | Native speaker proficiency | Russian | Intermediate, very good understanding |
| English | Fluent, TOEFL iBT 105 / 120 (2017) | Italian | Basic knowledge |
| French | Fluent, TCF (2012) | Bulgarian | Native speaker proficiency |
| Office tools | Microsoft Office (Word, Power Point, Outlook, Notes, Excel), Adobe Acrobat | | |
| Data bases | Lamy; Lextenso; Lexis Nexis; Dalloz; EURLEX; Strada; Jura; Beck Online; Manz; WestLaw; MLex; PaRR; Curia | | |

FIELDS OF INTEREST

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