

## DLA Piper strengthens Competition practice in Finland with new partner hire



Matti Ylä-Mononen Partner

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Mika Oinonen joins the firm as a Litigation and Regulatory partner and Head of the Competition and Regulatory practice based in Helsinki.

Mika Oinonen joins DLA Piper from a Finnish law firm, where he has held the position of Head of EU, Competition and Public Procurement since 2015. He has 15 years of both public and private sector experience, and an extensive background working with the Finnish Competition and Consumer Authority on merger control, alongside contributing to various international working groups.

Mika advises Finnish and international companies in all aspects of competition law and public procurement, including compliance matters, proceedings before the competition authorities and courts, as well as merger control. He is also highly experienced in regulatory matters, particularly in energy, financial services and insurance, and will work closely together with his Nordic and international colleagues to provide clients with the skillset and teams best suited for their needs.

In addition to a Master of Laws degree, Mika holds a Doctors of Science (Business Administration) degree, and completed his award-winning doctoral dissertation on EU competition law. He also holds adjacent professorships of competition law at the University of Tampere and the University of Helsinki. Matti Ylä-Mononen, DLA Piper's Country Managing Partner in Finland, said: "Mika has an exceptionally strong academic background combined with practical knowledge in competition law and public procurement. I am confident that he will play a valuable role in further developing our competition and regulatory offering in Finland and in the Nordic region, and we are delighted to welcome him to the firm. Both his experience and his view on developing our services are a very good fit with the firm's strategy and plans, and will benefit our clients."

<u>Léon Korsten</u>, DLA Piper International's Head of Competition commented: "We are delighted that Mika, who is a very experienced and esteemed colleague, is joining DLA Piper's Global Antitrust & Competition Group. The Nordics are a key strategic region for our group, and within the region, Finland is an important country – home to a great number of large corporates with an international footprint that matches very well that of DLA Piper in a number of areas, including, in particular, in the Antitrust & Competition field."

Mika Oinonen commented: "I am very excited to take on this role. I am truly impressed by how international the firm is, and I look forward to working as part of the international competition group. We are in a unique position to serve clients across the globe and offer consistent ways of working ensuring that clients get the same level of high quality and expertise regardless of their location."

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