

DLA Piper strengthens Corporate team in Finland



Matti Ylä-Mononen Partner



Salla Tuominen Partner, Head of Corporate, Finland



Essi Lavikkala Counsel

DLA Piper announces that <u>Salla Tuominen</u> has been promoted to partner in the firm's Corporate practice in Helsinki, Finland, effective from 2 January 2020.

Salla, who joined the firm in 2017 as senior counsel, advises clients on a broad range of matters relating to corporate law, private equity, capital market transactions and M&A. With over 15 years' experience, Salla's practice includes capital markets, public takeovers and other domestic and cross-border M&A transactions involving both public and private corporations. She is also experienced in advising on, and negotiating venture capital and private equity transactions, and advising start-up companies. She also has in-depth knowledge of corporate governance and compliance.

Before joining DLA Piper Salla worked at two international law firms in Helsinki and at Nasdaq Helsinki. In 2019, she received a prestigious Legal Influencer award from the Finnish Bar Association for her work as an attorney in the field of pro bono work. Salla is also a co-author of the Initial Public Offering Law Review.

In addition, DLA Piper has hired <u>Essi Lavikkala</u> as counsel in its Corporate team in Finland. Essi joined DLA Piper on 7 January 2020 from another international law firm, where she worked for 10 years. She is experienced in advising industrial clients and private equity firms on domestic and cross-border M&A transactions, joint ventures, equity investments and real estate deals.

DLA Piper has also promoted Corporate associate <u>Antti Eeva</u> to senior associate as of 2 January 2020. Antti joined DLA Piper in 2016 and has since worked on domestic and cross-border M&A transactions and company

law related assignments. He has successfully followed the firm's career training path and expanded his work to larger deals and responsibilities while gaining more experience.

Matti Ylä-Mononen, DLA Piper's Country Managing Partner in Finland, said: "We are delighted to appoint Salla to the partnership. Salla is a diligent and hard-working lawyer who has a strong interest both in our clients' businesses and in developing our internal processes and ways of working. Salla becoming a partner, together with Essi's appointment and Antti's promotion, will add depth and breadth to our strong and growing Corporate practice in Finland, and I am confident that they will make a significant contribution to the firm and to our clients in Finland and internationally."

Salla Tuominen commented: "I am honoured and thrilled to take the next step in my career to become a Partner with additional responsibilities to further develop the business as well as client relationships together with our excellent international team. It's a true pleasure to work in a firm that values people as individuals, appreciates everyone's contribution and enables career progression."

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