



DLA Piper strengthens Competition practice in Finland

DLA Piper has appointed [Laura Kauppila](#) (LL.M., M.Sc.) as Senior Associate as of 10 August 2021. Laura joined the firm from the Finnish Competition and Consumer Authority (FCCA) where she worked as a senior adviser in the merger team. Laura has several years of experience from competition law, especially from handling the most complex merger control related matters, as well as, from international cooperation with the European Competition Network (ECN). Laura has also lectured on merger control at the University of Turku.

"I am truly pleased to welcome Laura as part of our Finnish and international competition team. Her vast experience from the competition authority and especially from several landmark merger cases in Finland will further enhance the exceptional combination of academic and professional competition law knowledge of our team in Finland. Our goal is to be the first choice for companies that seek legal advice in competition law and regulatory matters", says [Mika Oinonen](#) DLA Piper's Head of Competition and Regulatory in Finland.



Over the past few years, DLA Piper has grown significantly in Finland, particularly in the areas of mergers and acquisition, which has also increased the number of merger control related matters handled by the firm's competition lawyers. The competition law landscape keeps evolving, and various changes have been implemented to the Finnish Competition Act recently – the latest being changes made due to the so-called ECN+ Directive. Also, the FCCA published recently an assessment that suggested changes to the Competition Act which would likely lead to increase in mergers which need to be notified to the FCCA.

DLA Piper being the top legal advisor in the Nordics, and holding a top three position in Finland, for overall M&A deal volume ([Mergermarket 2020](#)), is perfectly positioned to advise clients both on domestic and cross-border transactions, as well as in relation to full range of business legal services.

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