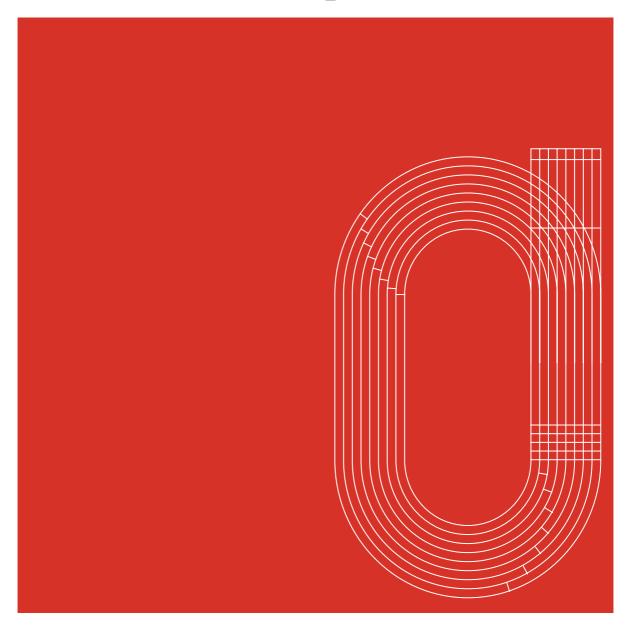
# Antitrust & Competition



#### We work with you to minimise risk and maximise opportunity

As one of the longest established Greek law firms, we apply a refreshingly modern approach, in tune with the contemporary demands of international business.

With 150 people, we are one of Greece's largest firms, but the only one to offer you comprehensive legal and tax services.

### Outstanding people

Our people are outstanding too - experts, who guide you through the ever changing maze of Greek rules, and assist you with detailed market knowledge.

Based on a deep understanding of your needs, we manage your project and bring it to a timely and beneficial conclusion. You find that we maintain the highest service standards in the global market.

In short, we take care of it. We keep you safe, and give you advice that helps to build a successful strategy and get the deal done.

### Highly esteemed for wide yet in-depth

### knowledge of EU and Greek law

When you commission our Competition practice, you engage specialists who are highly esteemed for their wide yet in-depth knowledge of EU and Greek law.

You profit from our experience, gained in all sectors of the Greek economy, from traditional to cutting-edge industries, where we work with local clients and international companies who do business in Greece.

More than a third of our work comes from international law firms and we participate in multinational networks. This orientation helps us operate seamlessly across borders.



# All aspects of competition rules

From us you get business-like and proactive support on all aspects of competition and anti-trust regulations. For example, in merger, acquisition and sale transactions, cooperation agreements, joint ventures, contracts with local subsidiaries and distributors, and other matters that trigger notification duties to Greek or EU authorities.

Your management teams may also benefit from our comprehensive anti-trust law compliance seminars and scenario simulations, for example on the dawn raids conducted by the Hellenic Competition Commission (HCC).

We can represent you before the HCC and in court hearings during follow-up litigation in disputes. We can also act for you in other contentious cases, such as a lawsuit for anti-trust violation, abuse of dominance or parallel imports.

To help you succeed, we take care of it

## An industry-focused team

For your project we form an industry-focused team. However, you only have to deal with one person in our firm – a dedicated correspondent who leads our team that conducts and manages your project.

We are able to handle high volumes of complicated work within tight deadlines, because of the size of our firm, strength of support services and rigorous quality controls.

#### Our expertise

We have been involved in across-the board and diverse antitrust related projects and work.

We advise on a regular basis multinational clients such as Lafarge and Mondelez on their day-to-day competition law compliance.

Our expertise spans across the following areas:

- **9** Merger control
- Agreements/concerted practices
- Abuse of dominant position
- Assessment of compatibility with EU Law
- State aid reviews
- 6 Industry-specific competition

#### Examples of work

- Successfully represented Van Oord and Alstom before the HCC in the construction cartel proceeding for alleged violations of Articles 1 of the Greek Competition Act and 101 TFEU
- Upset an HCC decision having imposed a fine on **L'Oréal** for its alleged tampering with its wholesalers' rebates
- Represented **DEPA** (the Greek gas company) in four arbitration proceedings relating to claims of abuse of dominance, imposed unfair trade terms and excessive prices
- Represented before administrative and criminal Greek courts a Greek brewer [Macedonia Thrace Brewery] in its dispute against a dominant competitor [Athenian Brewery] related to the latter's exclusionary conduct confirmed by the HCC; supported the Greek brewer with its civil action against the dominant competitor
- Assisted a German truck manufacturer [MAN] and a French cosmetics manufacturer [Clarins] in responding to the HCC's respective sectors enquiries

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#### Highly rated

Highly esteemed EU and Greek competition practice. Offers customised compliance training and advice to clients across various industry sectors. Also provides dispute resolution services on a range of competition issues, including arbitration proceedings. Experienced in abuse of dominant position matters, as well as tort law disputes regarding alleged competition law infringements. Additionally assists with transaction-related mandates.

'Their advice was great and they were able to give us a solution to our problem. They have deep knowledge, reply immediately and are very flexible and adaptive to our company's needs.

Chambers Europe, 2018

Stamatis Drakakakis is a highly revered competition lawyer who receives acclaim for his "tremendous knowledge and quick understanding of the client's needs." He has established a strong reputation for his Greek and European competition practice, and is particularly highlighted for his state aid expertise. He joined the firm in December 2019.

Chambers Europe, 2020









#### Your key to success

To discuss how we can help you succeed in Greece, please contact one of our key people.



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#### We are responsible

Just to mention two aspects of our pro bono and social responsibility work: we donate to not-for-profit associations that support children in need, and we fund law student activities and run internships.

#### We are committed

We are committed to conduct business to the highest ethical standards. That is why we have been selected as the Greek partner of Trace International.

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