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OVERVIEW

Nikolaos Peristerakis is a partner and a member of the Antitrust, Competition, and Trade Regulation practice group. Nick has more than 20 years of experience advising and representing clients in merger control and antitrust investigations. He has handled the EU and global merger clearance process for hundreds of public M&A, joint venture and private equity transactions. He has also led or co-led numerous high-profile Phase I remedy and Phase II cases before the European Commission and globally. Nick has also handled several complex antitrust and abuse of dominance matters before the European Commission. Key matters include the representation of a leading semiconductor company in the first interim measures case in more than two decades imposed by the European Commission in an abuse of dominance proceeding, and the representation of a major Wall Street bank in the European Commission's *Credit Default Swaps* investigation (GCR Behavioral Matter of the Year in 2016). Nick has represented clients in a wide range of sectors, technology, digital platforms, semiconductors, telecoms, media, aerospace, basic industries, consumer goods, food and beverage, nuclear energy, pharmaceuticals and the financial sector, among others.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Nikolaos served as counsel with a major Wall Street firm and a Magic Circle firm, where he played a leading role in numerous complex transactions and abuse of dominance investigations.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognised by *The Legal 500 EMEA* as a Recommended Lawyer in Belgium
  - Customs, Trade, WTO and Anti-Dumping, 2024-2026
  - Competition: EU and Global, 2024-2026

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Member of the antitrust (unilateral conduct) working group of the International Bar Association

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- ECN+: *EU Practitioner's View, International Bar Association Stockholm*, June 3, 2022
- Efficiencies: a Practitioner's Perspective, *Ithaca Chilling Competition Conference*, August 2018

EDUCATION

- LL.M., University of Michigan Law School, 1997
- LL.M. Eur., College of Europe, Bruges, 1995
- Maitrise en Droit, University of Strasbourg, 1994

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Brussels, (E-List)
- Bar of New York
- Greek Qualified Lawyer

LANGUAGES

- English
- French
- Greek

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 26 June 2026, Brussels Regulatory Brief: April/May 2026
- 23 April 2026, Brussels Regulatory Brief: February and March 2026
- 4 March 2026, Overview of Recent Updates, *Thought Leaders 4 Competition*
- 2 March 2026, Brussels Regulatory Brief: November/December 2025–January 2026
- 1 February 2026, Overview of Recent Updates in Eu Foreign Investment, Foreign Subsidies and Merger Control, *ThoughtLeaders4 Competition*
- 11 November 2025, European Union Adopts 19th Package of Sanctions Against Russia
- 30 October 2025, Brussels Regulatory Brief: September and October 2025
- 5 September 2025, Brussels Regulatory Brief: July and August 2025

- 2 July 2025 , Brussels Regulatory Brief: May and June 2025
- 20 June 2025, K&L Gates Contributes EU Chapter to American Bar Association's International Publication on Sustainability and Antitrust
- 15 May 2025, Brussels Regulatory Brief: April 2025
- 15 April 2025, Brussels Regulatory Brief: March 2025
- 10 March 2025, Brussels Regulatory Brief: February 2025
- 28 January 2025, Brussels Regulatory Brief: Winter 2024-2025
- 9 December 2024, Brussels Regulatory Brief: November 2024
- 29 October 2024, Updates on Foreign Direct Investments: The European Commission Publishes Its Fourth Annual Report on the Screening of Foreign Direct Investments in the European Union and Plans to Revise the EU FDI Screening Regulation
- 28 October 2024, Navigating the New UAE Competition Law: Moving Towards EU Principles? Part 4—UAE Prohibition on Abuse of Dominant Position and Article 102 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU)
- 24 October 2024, Brussels Regulatory Brief: October 2024
- 23 October 2024, Encouraging Signs From the European Commission's First Conditional Clearance of an Acquisition Under the Foreign Subsidies Regulation
- 21 October 2024, Navigating the New UAE Competition Law: Moving Towards EU Principles? Part 3—UAE Prohibition on Restrictive Agreements and Article 101 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU)
- 14 October 2024, Navigating the New UAE Competition Law: Moving Towards EU Principles? Part 2—UAE Merger Control vs. EU Merger Regulation
- 8 October 2024, Brussels Regulatory Brief: September 2024
- 7 October 2024, Navigating the New UAE Competition Law: Moving Towards EU Principles? Part 1—Overview
- 3 September 2024, Brussels Regulatory Brief: Summer 2024
- 12 August 2024, Court of Justice Confirms European Commission's Duty to Pay Interest Over Unlawfully Levied Fines
- 25 July 2024, Brussels Regulatory Brief: June 2024
- 20 June 2024, The European Commission Sends Strong Signal Against Parallel Import Restrictions
- 5 June 2024, Brussels Regulatory Brief: May 2024
- 15 May 2024, Brussels Regulatory Brief: April 2024

- 28 March 2024, Brussels Regulatory Brief: March 2024
- 15 March 2024, February 2024 Accolades
- 4 March 2024, Brussels Regulatory Brief: February 2024
- 19 February 2024, The European Commission Announces Five New Initiatives in Its Economic Security Package
- 12 February 2024, Brussels Regulatory Brief: Winter 2023-2024
- 4 December 2023, Brussels Regulatory Brief: November 2023
- 26 October 2023, Brussels Regulatory Brief: October 2023
- 27 September 2023, Brussels Regulatory Brief: August-September 2023
- 1 August 2023, Brussels Regulatory Brief: June - July 2023
- 26 July 2023, Between a Bock and a Hard Place: Does Europe's Resale "Pint" Maintenance Decision Mean More Resale Pricing Control for Suppliers?
- 7 July 2023, Somewhat More Clarity on the Reach of the New Foreign Subsidies Regulation
- 5 June 2023, Brussels Regulatory Brief: May 2023
- 5 May 2023, Brussels Regulatory Brief: April 2023
- 20 April 2023, No-Poach Agreements Receive Their Marching Orders in the US and Europe: Do's and Don'ts for HR Departments
- 12 April 2023, The European Commission's New Foreign Subsidies Regime - How to Best Prepare and What to Expect
- 30 March 2023, Brussels Regulatory Brief: March 2023
- 24 February 2023, Brussels Regulatory Brief: February 2023
- 7 February 2023, This Is Your (Antitrust) Captain Speaking: Fasten Your Seatbelts and Comply With Competition Law
- 25 January 2023, Brussels Regulatory Brief: January 2023
- 11 January 2023, K&L Gates' Verticals Predictions for 2023: Top Trends, Opportunities, and Pitfalls
- 20 December 2022, Brussels Regulatory Brief: December 2022
- 22 November 2022, Brussels Regulatory Brief: November 2022
- 27 October 2022, Illumina/Grail—The Dawn of a New Era for Global Merger Control?
- 11 July 2022, EU General Court Sets Aside €1 billion Abuse-of-Dominance Fine on Qualcomm

- 5 July 2022, European Commission Streamlines Merger Control Review Process

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Android Auto Or The Ever-Expanding Duty To Deal For Dominant Firms In The European Union, *ThoughtLeaders4 Competition*, December 2025
- "European Union: The Commission's evolving approach to digital mergers," *Global Competition Review*, January 2025
- "The EU Foreign Subsidies Regulation: A Year in Review," *ThoughtLeaders4 Competition*, December 2024
- "Law enters the human resources space," *Financier Worldwide*, June 2023
- "European merger control – key considerations for public M&A and private equity," *Financier Worldwide,* April 2023
- "A Look At New Vertical Laws, Their Opportunities And Pitfalls," *Law360*, 23 January 2023
- Mega-Mergers: Key Considerations To Get Your Deal Through (Competition Policy International, Inc., May 2016)
- The Commission's merger enforcement in mobile mergers: brave new world for non-coordinated effects? (Competition Policy International, November 2015)
- "Best Practices for the Conduct of Antitrust Procedures: Further Thoughts" (Competition Policy International, Inc., April 2010)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 21 January 2026, New Dynamics of EU Policy and Competition Law in 2026
- 25 April 2024, "Under the Wire" CLE Seminar-Navigating International Waters: Cross-Border M&A, International Arbitration, and Construction Disputes
- 16 June 2022, K&L Gates Welcomes Antitrust, Competition, and Trade Regulation Partner in Brussels

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Antitrust and Competition
- International Trade, Investment Controls, and National Security

INDUSTRIES

- Critical Minerals
- Energy

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advised a major semiconductor company on multiple merger control and abuse of dominance proceedings before the European Commission.