

# Natalie Ferdinand

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## OVERVIEW

Natalie Ferdinand is a counsel at K&L Gates and a member of the Antitrust, Competition & Trade Regulation practice group.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Natalie joined K&L Gates in January 2023. Previously, she worked for many years as an attorney in the antitrust and foreign trade practice group of another leading international business law firm, where she also advised on all aspects of European and German competition law, including merger control. In addition to advising on antitrust proceedings, she also focused on all aspects of distribution antitrust law and compliance issues.

She also gained significant in-house experience in an international multi-technology company, where she acted as a consultant for all aspects of German and European antitrust law as part of a longer secondment.

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Natalie Ferdinand is a member of the Studienvereinigung Kartellrecht e.V. and has repeatedly given workshops on antitrust issues in the insurance industry for students of the University of Münster in cooperation with Prof. Dr. Pohlmann. She is very committed to mentoring programs for young lawyers and also holds a Master's degree in NLP.

## EDUCATION

- Second Legal State Exam, District Court Bonn, 2010
- First Legal State Exam, University of Bonn, 2004

## LANGUAGES

- English

- German

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 7 November 2023, 11th Amendment to the German Competition Act (GWB): New Powers of Intervention for the Bundeskartellamt Creating New Challenges for Companies
- 22 June 2023, Transparent Pricing and Bananas
- 20 April 2023, No-Poach Agreements Receive Their Marching Orders in the US and Europe: Do's and Don'ts for HR Departments
- 7 February 2023, This Is Your (Antitrust) Captain Speaking: Fasten Your Seatbelts and Comply With Competition Law

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 25 February 2025, Divergence or Convergence? AI und Cybersecurity Regulation in the EU and UK
- 25 June 2024, Legal and Compliance Breakfast

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Antitrust and Competition

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advising an automobile manufacturer on antitrust matters in relation to its European-wide sales and distribution structures
- Advising an international credit card company on antitrust matters and representing the client in proceedings before the FCO regarding the lawfulness of its interchange fee structure
- Advising a national liquid gas supplier in an appeal proceeding before the Federal Court of Justice in Karlsruhe and a subsequent constitutional complaint with the German Federal Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe
- Advising an international media company on merger control and antitrust matters
- Advising an international multi-technology company on European merger control and antitrust-related questions, especially the proper and lawful structuring of the company’s rebate system