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Related Services

Litigation • Antitrust • International Litigation • Antitrust: Mergers, Compliance & Investigations

Dr. Jens-Olrik Murach's practice covers the complete range of EU and German antitrust matters across a wide spectrum of industry sectors. Jens also has significant experience handling foreign direct investment screening and EU foreign subsidies matters.

Jens has advised on many complex and high-stakes merger control matters, both before the European Commission and the German Federal Cartel Office. His broad experience includes significant transatlantic deals, and he also has strong experience in managing global merger control investigations in virtually every part of the world.

Jens has represented multiple companies in cartel and monopolization investigations, including handling leniency applications, settlement negotiations, and appeals. He also has significant experience advising on vertical distribution matters and represents clients in commercial and administrative antitrust litigation.

Jens is consistently recognized by all major legal directories. *Chambers Europe* and *Chambers Global* recognize Jens as a leading practitioner in Competition/European Law and has been praised for his "deep technical expertise and strong client relationship skills."

Representative Experience

- Represented an American multinational hotel, residential, and timeshare company in its \$13.6 billion acquisition of one of the largest hotel and leisure companies in the world.
- Represented an American biopharmaceutical company in its €1.15 billion acquisition of a German biotechnology company.
- Represented an American investment holding company in the \$11.6 billion acquisition by an American multinational conglomerate holding company.
- Represented various companies in antitrust investigations (musical instruments, wallcoverings, beverages, sweets).
- Represented an U.S. sports good supplier in setting up an EEA wide selective distributions system.

Publications & Presentations

Publications

• Frankfurter Kommentar zum Kartellrecht (Frankfurt Commentary on Antitrust Law), Dr. Otto Schmidt, 2024.

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• "The EU Court of Justice Rules in Favour of Restrictions on the Use of Platforms in a Selective Distribution System (Coty)," e-Competitions Bulletin, March 2018.

Presentations

 "Cartels, Information Exchange, Tacit Collusions, and Oligopoly Issues," "The Impact of Vertical Agreements on Competition," Summer Course on European Antitrust Law, Academy of European Law, Trier, July 1–5, 2024.

Professional & Community Engagement

- Wirtschaft und Wettbewerb (Economy and Competition), German Antitrust Law Journal, Academic Advisory Board
- Academy of European Law, lecturer

Accolades

- Chambers Europe Competition/ European Law (Belgium) (2020 present)
- Chambers Global Competition/ European Law (Germany); Competition: EU (Belgium) (2020 present)
- The Best Lawyers in Germany® Competition / Antitrust Law and Litigation: Antitrust (2022)
- The Best Lawyers in Belgium® Competition/Antitrust Law (2022)
- JUVE Handbook (2017–2023)
- The Legal 500 Deutschland, Antitrust Law (2021)
- The Legal 500 EMEA, Competition: EU and Global (Belgium) (2020)

Education

- Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms University of Bonn (Dr. jur., 2007)
- State of North-Rhine Westphalia (State Exam, 2001)
- Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms University of Bonn (State Exam, 1997)

Languages

German

Admitted to Practice

- Germany
- Brussels, Belgium