

## Ivan Pico

Associate

Brussels

### Biography

As an associate in the Antitrust, Competition and Economic Regulation (ACER) practice of Hogan Lovells Brussels, Ivan Pico advises clients on a range of EU regulatory matters with a particular focus on EU competition law, including antitrust and merger control. His experience includes working on complex international mergers, global cartel investigations, distribution agreements, compliance and abuse of dominance cases.

Ivan is a competition lawyer with a particular interest in the technology sector. He has advised various clients on competition law issues in the fields of semi-conductors, robotics, aerospace and in the automotive industry. For clients looking at expanding and/or selling a part of their business, as well as clients setting up complex joint venture structures, Ivan can also help you in quickly determining the jurisdictions where merger filings are required or recommended. In this regard, Ivan frequently deals with the European Commission and national competition authorities, in particular the Dutch competition authority, in order to secure the necessary merger approvals within the commercial deadlines. In addition to his merger work, Ivan also advises various clients on rolling out new and innovative distribution systems in Europe.

As a Belgian qualified lawyer, Ivan regularly pleads



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### Languages

Dutch  
English  
French  
Spanish

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### Practices

Antitrust and Competition

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### Industries

Energy and Natural Resources  
Technology & Telecoms  
Insurance  
Diversified Industrials

before the Belgian courts and helps international companies with complex queries under Belgian or EU law.

Prior to joining Hogan Lovells, Ivan worked at the Cartels Directorate of the European Commission's Directorate General for Competition.

## Representative experience

Advising Mikhail Prokhorov in an agreement to sell full ownership of Barclays Center and his 51% controlling interest in the Brooklyn Nets, which he has held through his company, Onexim Sports

Secured the Dutch competition authority's Phase I approval for the sale of Dun&Bradstreet Corporation's Benelux business to the private equity fund Altares/Naxicap

Advising a major robotics company on competition law issues in the EU and Belgium

Obtained the Dutch competition authority's Phase I approval for the purchase of Elementis Specialties Netherlands BV by the Swiss chemicals company Kolb Distribution AG

Secured the European Commission's Phase I unconditional clearance for the \$9.2 billion sale of Orbital ATK to Northrop Grumman

Advising a leading semiconductor designer and manufacturer on the implementation of its new global selective distribution network

## Latest thinking and events

### ■ Press Releases

- Hogan Lovells represents Rotana Music in landmark Warner Music investment

### ■ News

- EU General Court rules sports associations cannot

Aerospace and Defense

Automotive

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## Areas of focus

Cartel Investigations

Competition Compliance

Leniency Applications

Merger Control

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## Education and admissions

### Education

LLM in International and European Law, Institute of European Studies Brussels, 2015

Master of Law, University of Ghent, Belgium, 2014

Bachelor of Laws, University of Ghent, Belgium, 2012

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

Brussels

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stop athletes from competing in third-party events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - European Investigations Guide 2020
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Dutch Competition Authority consults on Guidelines that pave the way for more flexibility in the field of sustainability agreements
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Abuse by non-dominant companies? Belgian rules to prohibit "abuses of economic dependence"
- Analysis
  - Competition law in Spain: What to expect in the current economic recovery phase