

Magdalena Kowara

Senior Associate

Warsaw

Biography

Magdalena Kowara combines guiding clients through Polish and EU competition & State Aid law, consumer law, and advising in the energy industry sector.

Her professional experience covers advising clients in proceedings carried out by the the Office of Competition and Consumer Protection, and the European Commission both in regard to merger control and antitrust issues; and proceedings concerning infringements of the collective interests of consumers, as well as in any subsequent court proceedings. She also advises on the antitrust and State Aid aspects of M&A transactions, and on project compliance with EU State Aid law.

Magdalena assists clients in dawn raids conducted by the competition authority, as well as provides dawn raid trainings. She also advises on commercial agreements, distribution systems, pricing policies, and on the companies' day-to-day business.

Magdalena has also extensive expertise in the oil and gas, and energy sectors (including renewable energy). She represents clients in the proceedings before the Energy Regulation Office; advises on the commercial and regulatory aspects of their business activity including commercial agreements, distribution systems, and rebate schemes. Magdalena has also successfully taken part in energy sector-related transactions and due diligence of RES projects in Poland.



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Languages

English
German

Practices

Antitrust and Competition
Commercial
Energy Regulatory
Joint Ventures
Mergers and Acquisitions

Industries

Aerospace and Defense
Automotive
Consumer

Representative experience

Representing a wind towers' manufacturer, an investment fund, and a mining / steel company in merger proceedings concerning a joint venture manufacturing wind towers.

Representing international clients in merger control proceedings concerning a joint venture active in the production of electricity and heat.

Advising on State Aid issues concerning the sale of Gdansk Shipyard, and GSG Towers, a wind turbine towers' manufacturer, to Polish Industrial Development Agency.

Advising on the regulatory aspects of the transactions involving wind farm projects in Poland.

Advising on the distribution system, pricing policy, and commercial contracts of a leading fuel company in Poland.

Advising on State Aid issues relating to PPP project concerning the supply of heat, including on application of private investor principle.

Advising on State Aid issues related to the scheme of service compensation for the waste collection services in Polish municipality.

Representing Arcus Infrastructure in merger proceedings in the acquisition of the managing company of the A1 Motorway, one of the main traffic routes in Poland.

Representing Smurfit Kappa, the producer of paper-based packaging, in merger proceedings in a EUR 460 million acquisition of Reparenco, a paper and recycling company.

Representing Union Investment Real Estate, a member of the DZ Bank Group, in merger proceedings concerning the acquisition of a shopping centre in Poland.

Assisting and representing international client in dawn raid conducted by the competition authority, and in subsequent court proceedings.

Energy and Natural Resources

Financial Institutions

Insurance

Life Sciences and Health Care

Real Estate

Technology and Telecoms

Areas of focus

Abuse of Dominance and Restrictive Practices

Administrative Procedure Act

Agency and Distribution

Anti-boycott Compliance

Appellate and Supreme Court Litigation

Broadband, Internet, and E-commerce

Cartel Investigations

Competition Compliance

Consumer Finance

Consumer Protection and Privacy

Corporate and Commercial Transactions

Dawn Raids

Food and Beverages

Food Advertising and Regulation

International Regulatory Compliance

Leniency Applications

Medical Foods and Dietary Supplements

Merger Control

Oil and Gas: Supply, Marketing, and Trading

Representing Marvell, a global semiconductor solutions provider, in merger proceedings in a US\$ 6.1 billion acquisition of its rival, Cavium Inc.

Advising Affinia in two-phase merger proceedings with extensive market research and economic analyses in a US\$513 million sale of its filtration businesses to Mann+Hummel.

Representing Recordati in merger proceedings in a US\$300 million acquisition of the assets and rights to 3 of AstraZeneca's pharmaceuticals for cardiovascular diseases.

Representing Airbus and WorldVu Satellites in merger proceedings concerning the formation of a JV active in the satellite industry.

Representing Danfoss Silicon Power and Bosch Thermoteknik in merger proceedings regarding the formation of a JV active in production of compressors.

Advising Polish banks, BGZ BNP Paribas and mBank, in court proceedings against the Polish Competition Authority's decision concerning interchange fees in card payments.

Representing Blackstone in merger proceedings in the acquisition of MB Aerospace, a leading engine component manufacturer and repair business.

Advising various clients on commercial policy including distribution system, marketing activities, and rebate schemes, supporting negotiations and drafting agreements.

Advising international chains of retail clothing stores in relation to consumer issues connected to online sales, online purchase processes and terms and conditions.

Latest thinking and events

- Published Works
 - Offshore wind worldwide – Regulatory framework in selected countries
- News

Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology

Product Compliance

Regulated Industries and Utilities

Retail and Consumer Goods

Sales Promotions

State Aid

Telecommunications and Wireline

Transportation, Utilities, and Public Safety

Education and admissions

Education

German Law School, (in cooperation with the University of Bonn), Poland

Postgraduate studies in the Functioning of the Energy Market in Poland, SGH Warsaw School of Economics

British Law Centre at Warsaw University

Participant in LL.M. in European Business Law (within Erasmus LLP), Lund University, Sweden

Master of Law, University of Warsaw, Poland

Master in European Studies with expertise in the Single Economic Area, University of Warsaw, Poland

Memberships

Polish Competition Law Association

International Bar Association
Antitrust Committee

- Getting The Deal Through: Automotive 2020
- Analysis
 - Acquisition of businesses in financial difficulty as a result of COVID-19
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Offshore wind farms (OWF) – an update from Poland
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advised on the sale of the Cinema 3D S.A. portfolio
- Press Releases
 - The Hogan Lovells law firm advises the Gdańsk Shipyard Group on the sale of the Gdańsk Shipyard and GSG Towers

Bar admissions and qualifications

Warsaw Bar Association (Advocate)
