

Antitrust and Competition



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COMPETITION COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS

The Purpose of Competition Compliance Programs

The development of compliance schemes is a core undertaking of our practice. We are active in the fields of Greek and EU competition law and provide our clients with competition compliance programs, in order to raise awareness about the applicable legal framework and to ensure senior management's commitment to pursuing lawful commercial practices. Our compliance programs are adjusted to the specific needs of each client, taking into account factors such as the specific characteristics of the relevant market and the company's position in it. Our multi-disciplinary team, consisting of both lawyers and economic advisors, provides holistic antitrust services which guarantee the effectiveness of the compliance program.

Program Structure

Although competition compliance programs do not follow a one-size-fits-all approach, but are instead adapted to the specific needs of each client, our services generally consist of a series of steps designed to minimize a company's exposure to risk, including:

- training seminars, informing managers and employees on the applicable legal framework, procedures and sanctions;
- risk assessment, i.e. identification of potentially high-risk conduct (e.g. through the review of distribution contracts, or horizontal cooperation agreements, or possible instances of direct contact with competitors etc.);
- establishment of an internal reporting mechanism, allowing the firm's employees to report any suspicions of potentially unlawful colleague

behavior; and

- ongoing advice on emerging issues.

ANTITRUST

We offer legal advice in cases involving cartels, vertical restraints and abuse of dominance. We support our clients during investigations, file leniency applications, and represent companies before the Hellenic Competition Commission and the administrative courts.

DAMAGES CLAIMS

Companies and consumers that have suffered loss due to a violation of the competition rules are entitled to compensatory damages. Directive 2014/104/EU has facilitated the compensation of victims of anticompetitive conduct in the EU. We file damages claims and represent our clients before civil courts and in consensual dispute resolution procedures.

MERGER CONTROL

We file merger notifications with the Hellenic Competition Commission and offer comprehensive legal support throughout the process. Our close collaboration with KPMG advisors guarantees the provision of genuinely cross-functional services, which include both legal and economic advice (e.g. forensic reports).

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