

Speakers Biographies

The New Law on Antitrust Damages Actions – What Does It Mean for Businesses

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Mirta Kapural, Ph.D. LL.M.

Mirta Kapural was born in Zagreb where she graduated in law on the Faculty of Law at the University of Zagreb in 1998. She won a rector's prize during her studies. Upon finishing her studies, she received a scholarship from the Government of the Republic of Croatia and Great Britain for postgraduate study in Great Britain. She obtained a master's degree at the University of Sussex, European Institute, and Brighton, Great Britain and gained the title Master of Arts in Contemporary European Studies. In 2012, she obtained her Ph.D. at the Faculty of Law in Zagreb and gained the academic title of the Doctor of Sciences in the scientific branch of law, Commercial Law and Competition Law. She started her professional career in 1999 at the then active Office for European Integration, in the Department for managing legal systems where she worked until 2001. She worked in the Office for Human Rights at the Government of the Republic of Croatia from 2001 to 2004. She gained international experience while working as the representative of the Republic of Croatia at the United Nations' Office of Senior Official for Human Rights in Geneva, as well as working for the European Commission in Bruxelles, in general administration for environmental protection and general administration for competition. She participated in negotiations on Croatia's accession to the EU, as the member of two groups, Chapter 15 "Energy" and Chapter 2 "Freedom of Movement for Workers" during 2006 and 2007. She was also involved in the negotiations with the EU in Chapter 8 "Competition Policy". She has been working for the Competition Protection Agency since 2004 and since 2007 for the Department for International and European Cooperation mostly regarding the cooperation with the European Commission and national agencies of the EU Member States. There, she also worked on the implementation of EU projects, cooperation within International Competition Network (ICN), as well as for the Commission for competition at the International Chamber of Commerce at the State School for Public Administration and on seminars for state officials, judges, entrepreneurs and students. During 2010 and 2011, she worked as the external associate on the Faculty of Economics and Business in Zagreb at the Department of Law where she held seminars on commercial, company and contract law to first year students. She is the author of a number of professional and scientific articles in the area of Croatian and European competition law published in national and international professional journals and books. She regularly participates at international education and conferences about competition rights as a passive or active participant. She speaks English, German, Spanish, French and Portuguese. She has been actively involved in Chevening Alumni Croatia since the beginning in 2009 as a Board member.

Hrvoje Bardek, partner at Bardek, Lisac, Mušec, Skoko in cooperation with CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz

Practice Areas: Corporate/M&A, Competition

Hrvoje Bardek is partner at law firm Bardek, Lisac, Mušec, Skoko in cooperation with CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz. He is head of the corporate and competition department and has extensive experience advising mainly larger international clients and investment funds in Croatia. His expertise includes all types of M&A transactions - both national and international

in scope, including mergers, demergers, stock or asset purchases, exchange of shares, joint ventures. He also advises on competition aspects of such transactions.

His transactional and counselling practice covers a wide array of industries, with substantial experience in, and emphasis on, the pharma industry, banking sectors, as well as various service industries. He counsels senior management and boards of directors of both publicly and privately held companies regarding corporate governance issues, compliance and competition matters.

He has completed his LLM in International Business Law in Budapest.

Marija Zrno, attorney at Bardek, Lisac, Mušec, Skoko in cooperation with CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz

Practice Areas: Corporate, Competition

Marija Zrno joined the team in 2011 and is primarily engaged in banking and finance matters, corporate transactions as well as competition and EU law.

She participated in numerous M&A transactions and financing projects in the area of real estate, development of shopping centres, renewable energy, industry, new technology investments etc. She also advises clients in corporate, regulatory and contractual matters as well as other compliance matters.

Marija's extensive experience in various industry projects and good knowledge of national and European law and practice are a valuable contribution to understanding and for improvement of business of our clients.

Marija Zrno completed her master study in European law on College of Europe in Bruges.

Dr. **Tim Reher**, M.Jur. (Oxford)

Tim Reher advises companies on all aspects of competition law, with a focus on fine proceedings and civil law damages claims. Together with his team, he has handled numerous damages cases, acting for both plaintiffs and defendants. On the defendant's side, he coordinates the defence on a European and global level, while on the plaintiff's side, he prepares European-wide enforcement strategies. Tim has special pharmaceutical and medical device, food, fuels and energy as well as sports and media sector expertise. His clients in particular appreciate his skilful negotiation tactics.

Tim joined CMS in 1999 and was made partner in 2005. Alongside his legal practice, he teaches competition law at Helmut Schmidt University in Hamburg and is a prolific author on competition law matters.

Dieter Zandler, attorney at law CMS Austria

Dieter has considerable experience in Austrian takeover law where he represented clients in a number of landmark cases before the Austrian Takeover Commission especially involving questions pertaining to the pricing of takeover offers and whether parties violated their obligation to launch a public takeover offer by "acting in concert". Dieter Zandler joined CMS Vienna in 2007. In the field of M&A, he specialises in public M&A and private equity transactions.