**Press release**

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**Stefanie Werinos is Senior Attorney at CMS**

**Stefanie Werinos (31), a public law expert, now works for the international law firm CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz as senior attorney. She primarily advises clients on public law issues, especially with regard to environmental, energy and public procurement law.**

Stefanie Werinos completed her law degree in Graz and Athens and was a teaching assistant at the Institute for Public Law at the University of Graz. Upon graduation from university, she deepened her expertise in public law at one of the leading law firms in Austria before joining CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz in early 2009. Apart from her work as an attorney, she is a sought-after speaker, for instance at the Summer School Alpbach to name but one. Stefanie Werinos is fluent in German, English, French and Italian.

At CMS, she has been working for the public procurement, public law and EU competition law team, first as associate and now as a senior attorney admitted to the Austrian bar. Specialised in environmental and energy law, she is one of 50 CMS experts working in this practice area. “The importance of environmental and energy law has rapidly increased over the past few years,” says CMS partner Bernt Elsner, who heads the team. “Especially in Austria, we see a lot of potential for development. Through the permanent exchange of knowledge with our CMS colleagues all over Europe, we are granted an insight into future trends in this field. This enables us to advise our clients in an especially comprehensive and future-oriented way.”

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