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Claudine Vartian is known for her long-standing advisory experience, particularly for her in-depth competition and dispute resolution knowledge. She regularly advises and represents clients in court litigation or in front of competition and supervisory authorities in the course of proceedings, dawn raids and on-site inspections. In recent years she has advised leading Austrian banks in large-scale banking litigations.

Internationally respected legal publications such as *Chambers Europe*, *Legal 500* and *Juve* rank Claudine amongst Austria's leading lawyers for dispute resolution as well as EU and competition law. Claudine is also continuously ranked amongst the top 10 competition and antitrust lawyers in the annual *Best Lawyers* ranking of the Austrian business magazine *trend*.

Claudine is Country Managing Partner for Austria.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- German
- English
- French

EXPERIENCE

- Advising a major Austrian bank in a series of investor law suits with respect to prospect liability in relation to the Madoff-scandal.
- Advising and representing UniCredit Bank Austria AG in a multi-million Euro litigation including handling numerous disputes that have arisen as a result of the bank's customers investments in Madoff-related funds.
- Advising and representing a Russian high net-worth individual in two litigation proceedings against his sister, who is one of the wealthiest women in the world.

RELATED SERVICES

- Antitrust and Competition
- Banking and Finance Litigation
- Cross-Border Litigation
- IT and Telecoms Disputes
- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- White Collar and Corporate Crime

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- Advising one of the global market leaders in the fields of nutrition on competition law related issues and commercial law questions of their operations in Austria.
- Advising and representing a leading international technology corporation with global operations in the context of potential breaches of compliance and antitrust rules, including in-depth advice on Austrian whistle-blower and principal witness rules and related court submissions.
- Advising and representing a major Austrian LPG group in an antitrust case concerning the alleged abuse of a dominant market position and alleged other breaches of the Austrian cartel act.
- Advising an Austrian headquartered, world market leader in the foam and synthetics industries on the creation, implementation and maintenance of a global compliance programme, including all aspects of antitrust and anti-bribery code of conduct across all of the client's entities worldwide.
- Advising an Austrian pipeline and plant construction company in a criminal proceeding regarding alleged illegal agreements concerning publicly advertised pipelines.

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Rechtsanwältin registered with Rechtsanwaltskammer Wien

Prior Experience

Before cooperation with DLA Piper, Claudine was working with other reputable international law firms in Vienna and Brussels.

Recognitions

- A client states that her "team is very responsive and able to provide business-oriented advice which the clients appreciate. Another important strength is strategic approach." *Legal 500*, 2020
- Claudine Vartian is a long-standing figure on the Austrian competition scene, handling a range of mandates including merger control, abuse of dominance and price-fixing cases. *Chambers*, 2017

Education

- University of Vienna, Dr.iur., 1994
- University of Vienna, Mag.iur., 1991

Memberships

- Vienna Bar Association
- Studienvereinigung Kartellrecht

INSIGHTS

Publications

Claudine Vartian has published numerous books and articles:

- *Commentary on Cartel Act*, Manz Verlag
- *Wiener Vertragshandbuch*, Manz Verlag
- *Commentary on Telecommunication Law*, Verlag Österreich

- *Commentary on Private Association Law*, Verlag Österreich
- *Commentary on Private Television Law*, Verlag Österreich
- *Handbook on telecommunication*, Verlag Österreich