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Léon Korsten advises on and litigates in cases involving EU and national competition law, state aid, market regulation (enforcement and supervision), public procurement and civil-law enforcement. He also advises on and assists in investigations and raids conducted by the regulatory authorities and he regularly conducts internal investigations for his clients. Léon also assists clients in drafting and implementing compliance programmes.

He has handled many European and Dutch competition law cases, including the Dutch civil proceedings which led to the famous 1999 Eco Swiss/Benetton judgment of the European Court of Justice.

Léon is Global Co-Chair of DLA Piper's Antitrust & Competition Group.

- Regulatory and Government Affairs
- Antitrust and Competition
- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

Dutch English German

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- Dutch
- English
- German

AREAS OF EXPERIENCE

- EU and national Competition law: merger control, cartels, abuse of dominance, state aid
- Public Enforcement
- Market Regulation
- Public Procurement
- Complex Civil Litigation

KEY EXPERIENCE

- Acting as defence counsel in relation to EU and national dawn raids and cartel investigations
- Acting as counsel in civil litigation and arbitration in relation to issues of enforcement and nullity of commercial contracts
- Acting as defence counsel in follow-on civil litigation in relation to a.o. the (alleged) vitamins cartel, veterinarians cartel, air freight cartel, paraffin wax cartel, German sugar cartel and natrium chloride cartel
- Advising and conducting civil litigation in relation to public procurement pertaining to a.o. collection of household waste and large and complex DBFM contracts

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Advocaat admitted with the Nederlandse Orde van Advocaten

Recognitions

- Léon is consistently ranked in *Chambers Europe 2020* for Competition/European Law.
- *Legal 500 EMEA 2020*: "Leon Korsten deserves a special mention. Leon proved to be a knowledgeable lawyer, always working towards the envisaged result, combining a good balance between solid legal advice and a pragmatic, business-oriented approach."

Education

- Utrecht University, Dutch law, 1985

Memberships

- The Association of Competition Law (*Vereniging voor Mededingingsrecht*)
- The Dutch association of European Law (*Nederlandse Vereniging voor Europees Recht*)
- The Association of Administrative Law (*Vereniging van Administratief Recht*)
- The Association of Dutch lawyers (*Nederlandse Juristen Vereniging*)

Lecturer

From 2003 until 2008 was Léon honorary lecturer in competition law at Radboud University (Nijmegen).

Léon taught from 2008 until 2012 procedural administrative/enforcement law at the Law Firm School (LFS). He frequently teaches courses and gives training sessions.

INSIGHTS

Publications

Antitrust Matters – April 2022

28 April 2022
Antitrust Matters
Dear Reader,

Antitrust Matters – September 2021

7 September 2021
Antitrust Matters

We are pleased to share with you a New Edition of our periodical global publication Antitrust Matters.

European Commission publishes long-awaited updated regulation and guidelines on vertical agreements

18 August 2021

The European Commission recently published its proposed revised Vertical Block Exemption Regulation and Draft Vertical Guidelines. The new Regulation and guidelines are being brought in to replace the current Regulation which came into force in 2010 and is due to expire on 31 May 2022.

Multi-jurisdiction guide for screening foreign investments

26 May 2021

The aim of this guide is not to substitute proper due diligence and specialized advice when conducting business, it will hopefully help the reader navigate the different FDI regimes. Particularly in this complex context and in view of the proliferation of new regimes, by explaining the key aspects of regimes including main issues to consider, thresholds and proceedings to take into consideration when investing in our globalized world.

The European Commission proposes sweeping new controls on foreign subsidised companies

6 May 2021

On 5th May 2021, the European Commission published a draft new legislative proposal seeking to impose broad controls on companies which have received support from foreign (non-EU) governments.

European Commission Pushes Boundaries of EU Merger Control

19 April 2021

The European Commission pushes boundaries of EU Merger Control policy to accept and review certain transactions that do not meet any merger control thresholds. The policy shift will require parties engaged in M&A with a European footprint to modify their approach to deal documentation and structuring.

Antitrust Matters - Special edition

17 December 2020

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Global Class Actions Briefing: Major developments in European consumer protection laws: Product safety and consumer class actions in Europe

15 July 2020

The EU's proposals for a revised EU General Product Safety Directive (the GPSD) and the EU's deal for a Collective Redress Directive (the CRD) point the way to a future of heightened novel risk in Europe of collective redress or, as these claims are popularly known, "class actions".

- Belgische wetswijziging introduceert B2B-bescherming; een voorbeeld voor Nederland? April 2020
- Ten key points you need to understand about the Brexit negotiations, January 2020
- Klimaat, duurzaamheid en mededinging, October 2019
- Mededingingsrecht en Compliance, December 2017
- Cartel Enforcement Global Review - June 2017
- Mind what you submit - EUR110 million fine for submitting misleading information during a merger notification, May 2017
- Not the last word - the final report on the e-commerce sector inquiry, May 2017
- Brexit: Expect the Unexpected, October 2016
- Antitrust Matters - July 2016

Events

- Webinar - Procurement & Competition: bid rigging, consortia and subcontracting, December 2019
- Webinar - Brexit and Trade negotiations, December 2019
- Antitrust and Competition - Global Enforcement Priorities & German FCO's Facebook decision, Tel Aviv-Yafo, June 2019
- Parental liability in relation to cartel fines and cartel damage claims, Helsinki, March 2017