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Edouard Sarrazin's practice focuses on both French and European competition law as well as distribution law and commercial law advice.

Edouard possesses a wealth of experience, with particular knowledge of contentious competition matters, most notably in the context of cartels.

His experience in this area encompasses related practical issues such as optimizing the use of economists and lobbyists, as well as those raised by the frequently multi-jurisdictional nature of such cases (class actions, the use of blocking statutes, and the criminal responsibility of directors and employees).

His practice also comprises advising on unilateral practices and anti-competitive agreements.

Equally, he has significant experience advising industrial and private equity clients on merger control matters in a broad range of sectors, in particular transport. His expertise encompasses all aspects of procedure (due diligence, assessment of merger notification obligations, contractual analysis and competition assessment), the preparation and submission of notifications under French and EU law, the coordination of local lawyers when multi-jurisdictional notifications are required, and representing third-parties wishing to contest the approval of a transaction.

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

French English

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- French
- English

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- Notably, he advised a major player in the air transport sector on an international cartel inquiry in the air freight sector conducted by a number of antitrust authorities worldwide (including the US department of Justice and the European Commission)
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Professional Qualifications

- Avocat admitted to the Paris Bar

Recognitions

- *Best Lawyers* – Competition / Antitrust Law – 2018-22
- *Legal 500* – EU, Competition and distribution – Tier 3 – 2021

‘Edouard Sarrazin is pleasant and efficient and gives reliable and pragmatic advice.’ *Legal 500*, 2020

Education

- Université Paris II DEA in European law
- University of London (Queen Mary and Westfield College) LL.M in European competition law

INSIGHTS

Publications

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.

COVID-19 Litigation and Regulatory Q&A: France

20 May 2020

What is the status of the major courts or arbitral institutions in France? Are they operating as usual, and if not what alternative procedures are in place? Am I required to attend a hearing in person at this time in France? Given there are significant local movement restrictions, are there any new or alternate procedures in place?

- “Competition Policy & Digital Transformation: the issue of data”, DLA Piper Digital Guide: Impact on Sectors, *Lettre des Juristes d’Affaires (LJA)*, April 2019
- “Politique de concurrence & transformation numérique : la question de la data”, *Livre blanc : Le numérique et ses déclinaisons sectorielles*, *Lettre des Juristes d’Affaires (LJA)*, March 2019
- “Doing business in France”, Thomson Reuters – Practical Law, February 2019

Events

- Conference: M&A Conference DLA Piper: October 2019

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Abenex on the acquisition of a minority stake alongside the founders of the capital and voting rights of HTDS in a primary LBO

15 September 2021

DLA Piper has advised Abénex, a major player in the mid-market private equity market in France, on the acquisition of a minority stake alongside the founders of the capital and voting rights of HTDS, a company specialized in the distribution and maintenance of high-tech detection systems in France and abroad, in a primary OBO completed during the summer.

DLA Piper has advised the Sodexo group on its entry into exclusive negotiations to combine its early childhood services with those of the Grandir group

17 August 2021

DLA Piper has advised Sodexo Group, the world leader in Quality of Life services, on its entry into exclusive negotiations with the nursery and pre-school group Grandir in order to combine their daycare activities.
