



Vladislav Bernard

Senior Associate

Vladislav Bernard specialises in competition law, state aid, public sector, and regulatory matters.

In the field of competition law, he advises clients primarily on cartels, distribution systems, abuse of dominance, and issues associated with concentrations between undertakings. He also focuses on the issues of distortion of competition by public authorities and abuse of significant market power on the market of agricultural products. During his practice he has developed ample practical experience while representing major clients from both private and public sector in proceedings before the European Commission, the Czech Office for the Protection of Competition, and administrative courts.

Vladislav also advises clients on compliance. He has been instrumental in conducting in-depth competition and compliance audits focused on identifying drawbacks in commercial processes of our key clients, and in delivering professional trainings to their employees and managers. Thanks to his expertise, Vladislav is capable of drafting compliance manuals designed to mitigate the risk of anti-competitive conduct tailored to individual clients' needs.

Vladislav actively engages in the academic sphere and publishes articles on competition and constitutional law.

Projects

- representing clients in proceedings before the Czech Office for the Protection of Competition concerning vertical agreements in the supplier-customer chain, in particular with regard to agreements to fix resale prices or to restrict online sales
- representing three leading banks in merger control proceedings before the European Commission
- comprehensive legal advice to the Czech Republic in connection with an investigation conducted by the European Commission in a case of potentially unlawful state aid provided in the healthcare sector
- representing a collective rights management association in administrative proceedings before the Czech Office for the Protection of Competition, and in proceedings before administrative courts in the matter of potential abuse of dominance
- in-depth compliance audits in multinational companies in the areas of financial services, freight transport, food industry, manufacture of building materials, and FMCG
- representing companies engaging in the manufacture and assembly of building blocks in administrative proceedings before the Czech Office for the Protection of Competition, and in proceedings before administrative courts in the matter of a potential cartel
- advising municipalities in the context of a potential distortion of competition by a public authority, and representing them in ensuing administrative proceedings before the Czech Office for the Protection of Competition, in proceedings before administrative courts and in related disputes

Membership in professional associations

Czech Bar Association

Languages

Czech, English

Education

Charles University, Faculty of Law, Prague (2023), JUDr. (Doctor of Laws)

Masaryk University, Faculty of Law, Brno (2022), Ph.D.

Masaryk University, Faculty of Law, Brno (2017), Mgr. (Master of Laws)

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