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Mikko Huimala has extensive experience in competition law matters. He advises Finnish and international companies on all aspects of competition law, including merger control, compliance, proceedings before the competition authorities and courts, and state aid.

Prior to joining private practice in 2006, Mikko gained several years of experience of investigating cartel and other competition law infringement cases in the national competition authority and the networks of competition authorities.

Mikko has a post-graduate diploma in competition law economics from King's College London. He has co-authored an in-depth textbook on EU and Finnish competition law (2012) and published several articles on competition law. Mikko is the former president of the Finnish Competition Law Association. He is ranked in Chambers Europe and Best Lawyers for his work in the field of EU and competition law.

## REFERENCES

- Counsel to Telia Finland in the sale of its Telia Alerta Business to AddSecure, 2020
- Counsel to Altia Plc in the merger of Altia Plc and Arcus ASA to form Anora Group, 2020
- Counsel to Konecranes in the merger of Cargotec and Konecranes, 2020
- Counsel to Sanoma in its divestment of Oikotie to Schibsted, 2020
- Counsel to the Prime Minister's Office in the Rights Offering of Finnair Plc, 2020
- Counsel to Sanoma Group in its acquisition of Alma Media's regional news media business (shares in Alma Media Kustannus Oy and Alma Manu Oy), 2020
- Counsel to Ilmarinen Mutual Pension Insurance Company, Kesko Corporation, Kesko Pension Fund, and Kruunuvuoren Satama Oy in a series of transactions, 2019
- Counsel to Pöyry Plc in ÅF's recommended public cash tender offer for all shares in Pöyry, 2018
- Counsel to Wereldhave N.V. in its divestment of the Itis shopping centre, 2018
- Counsel to Aspo Plc in the acquisition of AtoB@C Shipping AB, 2018
- Counsel to Orion Corporation in the divestment of Orion Diagnostica, 2018
- Counsel to Kesko Corporation in securing unconditional merger control clearance from the Finnish Competition and Consumer Authority

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## RANKINGS

- 'Superb. Analytical but very practical at the same time. Easy to work with.', EU and Competition, Legal 500, 2020
- 'A client highlights that he is "easy to work with."', Competition/European Law, Chambers Europe, 2020
- 'Mikko stands out for being "very engaged and analytical"', EU and Competition, Legal 500, 2019
- 'Sources describe him as "a great expert in competition law, who offers a proactive approach."', Competition/European Law, Chambers Europe 2019
- Ranked as one of the world's leading competition lawyers by Who's Who Legal 2019
- 'One client praises his ability to communicate, noting: "He quickly understood the nature of my needs and prepared exactly what I needed, including the legal conclusions, without using too much space for detailed legal complexities." ', Competition/European Law, Chambers Europe 2018
- Ranked in the 2018 edition of Best Lawyers (Competition Law)
- Ranked as notable practitioner in the 2017-2019 editions of Chambers Europe (Competition/European Law)

## MEMBERSHIPS AND POSITIONS OF TRUST

- Member of the Finnish Bar Association
- Member of the Finnish Competition Law Association for several years, previously chairman (2016–2018) and vice chairman (2014–2016)
- Member of the Competition Law Expert Working Group of the Finnish Bar Association (2016–2020)

## PUBLICATIONS

- Vastuullisuus osana tehokkuuspuolustusta EU:n kilpailuoikeudessa, Defensor Legis 4/2020 (co-author)
- The Public Competition Enforcement Review, 2020

## EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Partner, Hannes Snellman, 2017
- Partner, Head of Competition & Regulatory, Finland, DLA Piper, 2016–2017
- Post-graduate Diploma in Economics for Competition Law, King's College London, 2011
- Counsel/Senior Associate/Associate, Castrén & Snellman Attorneys Ltd, 2006–2016
- Senior Research Officer/Research Officer, Finnish Competition Authority, 2003–2006
- Master of Laws, University of Helsinki, 2002

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