



# Gitte Holtsø

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Gitte specialises in European competition law, handling high-profile cases and matters involving significant complexity and value. Public procurement law is another area of expertise. She is the head of Plesner's EU and Competition Law team.

## PRACTICE AREAS

EU and Competition Law  
Public Procurement Law

Gitte has extensive experience in European merger control and other transaction-related competition law issues. She has led some of the most significant merger control investigations involving Danish companies. She is also known for advising clients in investigations by the competition authorities in matters involving alleged anti-competitive behaviour within a wide range of industries.

Gitte also specialises in public procurement, advising both contracting authorities and suppliers, often on large-scale infrastructure tenders and tenders within the pharmaceutical industry. She has advised on high-profile procurement processes and complaint cases.

Gitte has a Master's degree in Law from the University of Copenhagen and a Master of Laws (LL.M.) from the University of Cambridge. She is a qualified solicitor in the United Kingdom.

Gitte's counselling will always require a team effort, and collaboration with colleagues from the economics team is an important component of competition law advice. The work on large transactional projects in Plesner involves colleagues from almost all areas of expertise and requires a high degree of team discipline, a constant focus on the allocation of responsibilities, and efficient

cooperation to secure the optimal result for the client.

## Selected cases

Case News 18.06.2024

Sampo plc announces a public exchange offer to the shareholders of Topdanmark A/S

Case News 29.01.2024

The largest merger in Danish history completed today

Case News 21.12.2023

Reitan Convenience and Uno-X take back 57 service stations and enter into new franchise agreements with a number of 7-Eleven franchisees

Case News 13.12.2023

Novozymes and Chr. Hansen obtains competition clearance in Phase I

Case News 09.03.2023

The Danish Eastern High Court overturns decision from the Danish Competition Council

Case News 27.04.2022

Demant A/S intends to divest its Hearing Implants business

## Ratings



2024 The Legal 500

Gitte Holtsø is recommended and listed as a leading individual as regards EU and Competition.

"We have most recently worked with Gitte Holtsø who is highly skilled, has a great business acumen, is always pleasant to work with, very responsive and to-the-point in her advice"

CHAMBERS  
EUROPE

2024 Chambers Europe

Gitte Holtsø is ranked as a leading individual (Band 1) as regards Competition/European Law and as a leading individual as regards Competition/European Law: Public Procurement.

"Gitte is very skilled and knowledgeable within the field, and provides commercial and to-the-point advice"

"She is a top-tier competition lawyer and our preferred choice"

WWL  
Who's Who Legal

most recent WWL

Gitte Holtsø is listed as a Thought Leader and recommended as a Global Leader as regards Competition. Further, she is recommended as a Global Leader as regards Government - Government Contracts.

The  
LEGAL  
500

2023 The Legal 500

Gitte Holtsø is recommended and listed as a leading individual as regards EU and Competition.

"Gitte Holtsø is likeable, knowledgeable, and experienced, which is invaluable when dealing with the authorities"

"Gitte Holtsø and Daniel Barry are highly qualified and offer sustainable and to the point advice"

CHAMBERS  
EUROPE

2023 Chambers Europe

Gitte Holtsø is ranked as a leading individual (Band 1) as regards Competition/European Law and as a leading individual as regards Competition/European Law: Public Procurement.

"She is very skillful, a very keen listener and generally just pleasant to work with"

"She is very good at balancing and making commercial solutions"

"She is very good at putting legal solutions into a commercial context and finding solutions that are pragmatic"

"She is highly responsive and sharp, gives constructive advice and is nice to work with"

The  
LEGAL  
500

2020 - 2022 The Legal 500

Gitte Holtsø is recommended and listed as a leading individual as regards EU and Competition.

CHAMBERS  
EUROPE

2022 Chambers Europe

Gitte Holtsø is ranked as a leading individual as regards Competition/European Law as well as Public Procurement.

Head of department Gitte Holtsø is a notable presence who advises on both public procurement and competition law mandates. She possesses significant experience in merger control issues, as well as disputes over anti-competitive agreements and price fixing allegations. Clients praise her "high commercial understanding which helps to achieve pragmatic and executable solutions".