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Daniel Barry

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Daniel advises on all aspects of Danish and EU competition law, and he continues to act on some of the most complex and high-profile competition law cases.

PRACTICE AREAS

Automotive EU and Competition Law Foreign Direct Investments Daniel focuses primarily on complex competition law litigations, including Danish and EU cartel and abuse cases, as well as Danish and multi-jurisdictional follow-on damages cases. His experience includes participation in the European Commission's leniency programme and settlement procedure, coordination of criminal and administrative procedures, and follow-on damages actions in various foreign jurisdictions. Daniel has been involved in the filing of several negative declaratory actions, also known as "torpedoes", that Denmark had not previously employed in competition-related cases.

Daniel also advises on M&A matters, including Danish and EU merger notifications, multi-jurisdictional merger notification coordination, and M&A-related competition law issues. Furthermore, he advises on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Foreign Subsidies Regulation (FRS) matters.

Daniel always works in teams to achieve the best possible results for clients. In most cases, this includes both other lawyers and economists from Plesner's inhouse team of economists.

Daniel is Chairman of the Board of the Danish Association for Competition He is admitted to practice before the High Courts of Denmark.

Selected cases



- Represented Ørsted in successful appeal against DCCA decisions on excessive pricing
- Represents Ørsted in multi-billion-DKK damages case concerning excessive pricing
- Represented Danfoss in cartel investigations by the EC and multiple NCAs
- Represented Danfoss in multiple cartel-related damages cases
- Experience with the EC's leniency programme and settlement procedure
- Experience filing multiple negative declaratory actions ("torpedoes") in Denmark
- Represents global truck manufacturer in multiple cartel-related damages cases
- Represented Diesel Motor Nordic in appeal of DCCA decision to the Supreme Court
- Experience with the EC submitting written and oral observations to a national court
- Represents Diesel Motor Nordic in criminal case concerning anti-competitive agreement
- Assisted Sampo with FDI approval for public takeover of Topdanmark
- Assisted Volvo Trucks obtain unconditional approval in phase II of Titan acquisition
- Assisted LEO Pharma with merger control and FDI relating to Nordic Capital partnership
- Represented HTS Besafe in DCCA investigation concerning resale price maintenance
- Assisted Tryg with multi-billion-pound acquisition of parts of RSA Insurance Group
- Represented Nissan Nordic in damages case on access to a selective distribution system
- Represented defendant in damages case on alleged predatory pricing in financial sector
- Represented clean-energy firm in case on repayment claim of alleged overcompensation (state aid)
- Represented international home electronics firm in damages case relating to CRT cartel
- Assisted Weber-Stephen Nordic with implementation of selective distribution system
- Assisted Novo Holdings with merger filings for its investment in ERT with Nordic Capital

Ratings



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Daniel Barry is ranked as a leading individual as regards Competition/European Law.

"His clear communication ensures we fully grasp the legal landscape, making him a trusted advisor in navigating complex competition matters"

"Daniel Barry has a great ability to understand our business challenges and often identifies potential issues we hadn't considered"

"Daniel Barry has been great. He is really skilled in dealing with complex economic issues, so has been impressive in that area"

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"Daniel Barry is a sophisticated practitioner who gives smart, to-the-point advice"

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"Daniel Barry is the star of the department. He thinks on his feet and develops solid arguments based on substantive knowledge. I appreciate his work and support"

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



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"He is highly committed to finding solutions"

