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Plesner's EU and Competition Law team consists of highly specialised lawyers and economists, some with experience from previous employment with the Danish Competition and Consumer Authority, the Danish Public Prosecutor's Department, Danish Courts, the Ministry of Justice, the Danish Complaints Board for Public Procurement, and the corporate sector.

PRACTICE AREAS

EU and Competition Law
Litigation

Christian is a partner in Plesner's EU and Competition Law team, and he has extensive experience in the most complex and largest competition law investigations and litigation matters involving cartels, abuses, and damages.

Together with the team, Christian was the first in Denmark to file negative declaratory actions ("torpedoes") in competition-related cases and the only one in Denmark to have practical experience with both the European Commission's leniency programme and settlement procedure.

According to international ranking firms, Christian is considered by clients to be "top-notch for complicated issues," a "strategic mastermind," "extremely analytical and straightforward," and "particularly strong on complex investigations, where every stone needs to be turned." He "thinks outside the box," "has great business acumen," and "is brilliant, always convincing, and extremely impressive in the courtroom" (Chambers and Legal 500).

Christian holds a combined Master of Laws (LL.M.) from the University of Copenhagen and Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, as well as a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in competition law, EU law, and IP law from the University of Cambridge

(Jesus College).

He served as an associate professor at Copenhagen Business School after receiving a secondment to work at Carlsberg's group secretariat. Christian has served as chairman of the Danish Competition Law Society. He is admitted to the Supreme Court of Denmark.

The team has a conscious focus on both a deep commercial understanding of the client's needs and genuine teamwork while constantly challenging conceptions, methods, and analyses.

Selected cases

- Successfully defended Ørsted in a multi-billion-DKK damages case concerning excessive pricing
- Represented Ørsted in successful appeal against DCCA decisions on 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
- 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
- Represented international home electronics firm in damages case relating to CRT cartel

SELECTED CASES

Ratings

2026 **Legal 500**

Christian Karhula Lauridsen is recommended and listed as a Leading Partner as regards EU and Competition.

"Christian Karhula Lauridsen is an outstanding lawyer with an ability to understand highly complex matters and provide novel and convincing legal arguments. Besides that, he is an excellent litigator"

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Christian Karhula Lauridsen is Recommended as regards Competition.



2025 **Legal 500**

Christian Karhula Lauridsen is recommended and listed as a Leading Partner as regards EU and Competition.



2023 - 2024 **Legal 500**

Christian Karhula Lauridsen is recommended and listed as a leading individual as regards EU and Competition.



2023 **Chambers Europe**

Christian Karhula Laurisen is ranked as a leading individual as regards Competition/European Law.