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## ERIK BERTELSEN

Partner, Aarhus

Erik Bertelsen specialises in competition law, particularly dominant companies, cartels and mergers, as well as Danish and EU procurement law. Erik became a partner in 2000 and has since been part of the firm's market-leading Competition Group.

Erik's clients include major Danish and foreign businesses. He is experienced in handling all aspects of competition law, particularly abuse of dominance, including discount schemes, prices and refusal to supply.

Erik also has extensive experience in mergers, especially within sectors such as food, agriculture, energy, retail and industry. He is a highly experienced competition and procurement litigator. His special expertise includes appeal cases concerning decisions

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### Practice areas

Competition Law

Energy Law

Litigation and Arbitration

State Aid Law

Procurement Law

### Industries

Energy & Infrastructure

The Financial Sector

The Food Industry

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made by the competition authorities, and actions in damages for competition law violations. Erik has conducted several landmark cases before the Danish Competition Council and the Danish Competition Appeals Tribunal, and he has also handled criminal competition cases.

Erik delivers solution-oriented advice based on his extensive knowledge of Danish and international law, the practices and processes of the competition authorities, as well as litigation before the Danish and EU courts. Erik takes a pragmatic and business-minded approach to finding solutions that quickly meet clients' needs and deliver extra value to their businesses.

## Chambers Europe 2020

### Competition/European Law

*Erik Bertelsen is noted for his experience in a number of competition law matters, including merger control filings, Danish Competition and Consumer Authority investigations and follow-on damages cases. Market sources consider him to be "a skilled lawyer with a very good practice."*

## Legal 500 2019

### EU & Competition

*Kromann Reumert advises on merger control matters, competition disputes and state aid issues; recent mandates include Erik Bertelsen defending Dong Energy against a damages claim brought by the competition authorities alleging excessive pricing.*

## Chambers Europe 2019

### Competition/European Law

*Erik Bertelsen earns respect from market commentators for his work and focuses on merger filings. Sources highlight his negotiation skills, saying that he is "very good at calming the waters."*

## Chambers Europe 2018

### Competition/European Law

*Erik Bertelsen is regarded by sources as a "very good practitioner with a long-standing practice." He focuses on the full scope of competition law, including abuse of dominance and litigation cases. His work of late has involved obtaining merger clearance for clients from the energy sector.*

## Legal 500 2017

## EU & Competition

*Kromann Reumert's 'top-level' practice specialises in merger control work and cartel investigations. The well-regarded Erik Bertelsen advised Jysk on its acquisition of furniture producer Actona.*

## Chambers Europe 2017

### Competition/European Law

*Erik Bertelsen handles all areas of competition law, including abuse of dominance.*

*Clients say: "He is a very competent lawyer and has a good overview of the law. He has very exact knowledge of our industry and business, and can easily analyse issues and point us in the right direction." He is noted for his expertise in litigation and represents clients before Danish and EU courts.*

## Chambers Europe 2016

### Competition/European Law

*The "insightful" Erik Bertelsen has extensive experience in handling all aspects of competition law, particularly mergers in the food, agriculture, energy and retail sectors. Recently, he represented AkzoNobel in a damages claim filed by Cheminova relating to the former's participation in a cartel.*

## Legal 500 2015

### EU and Competition

*Erik Bertelsen is an expert in complex merger control matters.*

## Chambers Europe 2015

### Competition/European Law

*Erik Bertelsen has an "excellent practice with a strong market position which he has maintained for many years." His long-standing experience covers all manner of issues*

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*related to competition law.*

## GCR 100 2015

### Competition Law

*Kromann Reumert is featured in the 16th edition of Global Competition Review.*

*"Kromann Reumert's competition group, one of the largest in the country, continues to be a market leader. Three partners - Jens Munk Plum, Morten Kofmann and Erik Bertelsen - are nominated to Who's Who Legal: Competition".*

## Chambers Europe 2014

### Competition/European Law

*Erik Bertelsen is praised by sources for his approach to contentious competition cases, including complex merger control mandates. He has assisted Arla with the competition aspects of its acquisition of UK-based Milk Link and German-based Milch-Union Hoheifel.*

## Legal 500 2014

### EU and Competition

*Kromann Reumert gives 'prompt, appropriate and timely' advice. Practice head Jens Munk Plum, Erik Bertelsen and Tilde Jensen are representing DONG Energy in Denmark's largest excessive pricing case.*

## Legal 500 2013

### EU and Competition

*The 'excellent, competent' Erik Bertelsen is representing DONG Energy in Denmark's largest excessive pricing case. New clients include Nordisk Film and Dutch Lely Holding.*

Chambers Europe 2013

## Competition/European Law

*Erik Bertelsen has an extraordinary reputation for merger control and abuse of dominance matters, and is widely regarded as a tough, brilliant competition practitioner.*

### activities

Member of the Board for the Danish Competition Law Society

Member of Studienvereinigung Kartellrecht

Member of the European Forum for Competition Litigation

### publications

Contributor to Chambers Global Practice guide 'Merger Control 2016'

Co-author of Competition Law in Denmark, Djøf, 2011

Dansk Fusionskontrol (Danish Merger Control), Thomson A/S, 2nd edition, 2013

Article Erstatning for overtrædelse af konkurrencereglerne (Damages for Competition Law Violations) in tribute to Danish Supreme Court Judge, Jørgen Nørgaard, 2003

Article in publication to commemorate Jens Fejø, 2012: Prøvelse af økonomiske forhold i konkurrencesager (Trying of financial matters in competition cases)

Co-author of Denmark chapter in Leniency Regimes, Jurisdictional Comparisons, European Lawyer Ltd, 2012

Co-author of Denmark chapter in The Private Competition Enforcement Review, 6th edition, Law Business Research

## background

Partner 2000

Head of Kromann Reumert's Brussels office 1994-1996

Master of Laws from Vrije Universiteit Brussel 1992

Master of Laws (cand. jur.) from Aarhus University 1989

Born in 1964

## admission and right of audience

Right of audience before the Danish Supreme Court 2005

Admitted to practise law 1993

## Languages

English

German

The Scandinavian languages