

Former European Commission DG Competition Head of Unit Nicholas Banasevic Joins Gibson Dunn in Brussels

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Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP is pleased to announce that Nicholas Banasevic has joined the firm's Brussels office as Managing Director, Brussels with the Antitrust and Competition Practice Group. Banasevic formerly served as Acting Director and Head of Unit responsible for European Union antitrust cases in the high-tech/IT sector for the European Commission's Directorate-General for Competition. At Gibson Dunn, he will join a multi-disciplinary team helping our clients deal with high-stakes antitrust investigations and regulatory matters, including the up-coming Digital Markets Act. "We are thrilled that Nick has joined Gibson Dunn," said Christian Riis-Madsen, Partner-in-Charge of Gibson Dunn's Brussels office and EU Chair of the firm's Antitrust and Competition Practice Group. "Nick has had an exceptional career, leading some of the most complex and high-profile competition investigations at DG Comp. He is a leader in the global antitrust bar and has been at the center of numerous landmark antitrust decisions in Europe. With his 21 years of experience at DG Comp, primarily in technology, pharmaceuticals and financial services, and his deep economics background, he is a phenomenal addition to our antitrust practice." "Gibson Dunn has one of the leading competition practices in the world, and I'm looking forward to entering private practice on such a premier platform with such talented colleagues," said Banasevic. **About Nicholas Banasevic** Prior to joining the firm, Banasevic worked at DG Competition for over 21 years, holding multiple roles at the agency. He most recently served as Head of Unit for EU antitrust cases in the technology/IT sector from 2012 to 2021. In this role, he supervised a unit of 25 officials, directed the strategic orientation of cases and managed the teams responsible for several landmark decisions. During 2021, he also had additional responsibilities as Acting Director responsible for EU antitrust, merger and state aid cases in the same sector. He previously served as Deputy Head of Unit responsible for EU merger cases in the financial services and pharmaceuticals sectors. Banasevic received his Master of European Studies in Economics from the College of Europe in 1995 and Bachelor of Science with honors in Economics and Politics from the University of Bristol in 1994.

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