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Related Services

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Lydia Rachianoti is an associate with Alston & Bird's Antitrust and Payments Teams. Based in the London office, she focuses her practice on all aspects of EU and UK competition law and provides clients with advice on regulatory compliance with payments regulations in the EU and the UK.

Lydia holds an LL.M. in competition, innovation, and trade law at the London School of Economics & Political Science, with a strong focus on digital markets and the intersection between competition and intellectual property law.

Representative Experience

- Advising clients on simultaneous merger filings before the European Commission and the UK Competition and Markets Authority, as well as the U.S. Department of Justice, EU national competition authorities, and other competition authorities across the world on high-profile deals.
- Notifying mergers to the European Commission and the UK Competition and Markets Authority and securing clearances in Phase I.
- Advising clients on the Payment Services Directive (PSD2), the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA), the Payment Services Regulations (PSRs) in the UK, and related payment industry initiatives, including registration as a payment institution and provision of regulated payment services under the PSD2.
- Representing and advising a global payments service provider on an antitrust damages claim brought before the English courts.
- Advising a digital platform on the EU competition law theories of harm applicable to the digital economy.
- Advising clients on general regulatory compliance issues with regards to financial services and antitrust.

Education

- London School of Economics & Political Science (LL.M., 2018)
- Democritus University of Thrace (LL.B., 2016)

Languages

- English
- Greek
- French

Admitted to Practice

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales
- Greece