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**Christian Riis-Madsen** is a partner in O'Melveny's Brussels office and a member of the Antitrust and Competition Practice. He focuses on EU competition and regulatory law.

In *IFLR's* 2010 EU Competition rankings, Christian is commended by peers as "a rising star in the antitrust community." In the *Legal 500 EMEA* 2009 rankings, Christian is cited as "excellent."

Christian has a good understanding of commercial issues and provides companies with pragmatic advice that is well-connected with the business realities. In this respect, the *Legal 500 EMEA* 2010 rankings cite clients recommending Christian's ability to provide "excellent guidance, clearly explaining all risks associated with various courses of action while providing acceptable, fair competition suggestions that enable the business to move forward."

Christian has significant experience in high-tech industries involving fast evolving markets, IP rights, and complex trade patterns.

The highlights of his successful track-record include:

- acting for the AMD in the Intel case securing the highest fine ever imposed by the European Commission,
- securing acquittal for several companies involved in cartel investigations, including for a leniency applicant, and
- representing a complainant in merger control proceedings that ultimately led to the break-up of the deal.

His work on transactions includes deal values ranging from US\$10 million to US\$30 billion. He handles notifications to the European Commission (EC), national competition authorities, and coordinates filings in jurisdictions outside of Europe.

Christian is one of very few antitrust specialists in Brussels of Scandinavian background.

#### Illustrative Professional Experience

##### EC Merger Control

- Representing **Norsk Hydro** in the US\$30 billion merger of its oil and gas operations with Statoil ASA, the largest merger in the history of Norway
- Representing **Norsk Hydro** in the unconditional Phase II clearance of its US\$1 billion sale of Kerling to INEOS, and in one of the very few "gun-jumping" investigations ever carried out by the EC
- Representing **Honeywell International Inc.** in multiple acquisitions, including obtaining Phase I clearance subject to remedies for the US\$2.4 billion acquisition of UK listed company, Novar plc
- Representing **Spansion Inc.** in its US\$368 million acquisition of Saifun Semiconductors Ltd.

##### Abuse of Dominance

- Representing **Advanced Micro Devices** in its Article 102 complaint against Intel, in which the EC in May 2009 fined Intel a record €1.06 billion (US\$1.44 billion) for its anti-competitive practices. In November 2009, all of AMD's antitrust claims were settled, securing AMD US\$1.25 billion and wide-ranging injunctive relief

##### Cartels

- **Banana cartel investigation** - Successfully obtaining the acquittal of Léon van Parys (LVP), the European importer of Bonita bananas, in a banana cartel investigation in the Northern European markets which ultimately led to the imposition of fines amounting to more than €60 million on other banana importers
- **GFU cartel investigation** – successfully representing two oil companies which were among the 30 companies targeted by the EC's probe into US\$160 billion of natural gas supplies from the Norwegian Continental Shelf
- **Rolling Stock Components** - representing a multinational manufacturer of rolling stock components in relation to the EC investigation into alleged bid rigging of supplies to national rail companies. The EC investigation was closed prior to the issuance of a Statement of Objections

#### Professional Activities

**Member**, Advokatsamfundet, Brussels Bar

**Co-Author**, "EC Merger Control," chapter for *Corporate Acquisitions and Mergers*, published by Wolters Kluwer Law and Business (2010); "Towards a European Energy Community?," *European Antitrust Review 2010*, published by *Global Competition Review* (2009); "EC Competition Law: An Overview of the Major Developments of 2008 and Expected Future Trends For 2009 and Beyond," *European Antitrust and Competition Alert* (March 2009); "A New Energy Era in the European Union," *European Antitrust Review 2009*, published by *Global Competition Review* (2008); "EU Energy," *GCR European Antitrust Review* (2007-08); "Strengthened Cartel Enforcement in the EU," *IBA*

#### professional focus

European Antitrust and Competition  
 Antitrust and Competition  
 Brussels  
 Electronic Discovery and Document  
 Retention  
 Europe

#### education

**University of Copenhagen,  
 Denmark, LL.M.**

**University of Copenhagen,  
 Denmark, B.A., Law**

**University of Konstanz, Germany,  
 Erasmus**

#### admitted

Denmark, Advokat

#### publications

**The New EU Verticals Block  
 Exemption Regulation and  
 Guidelines** (*Antitrust/Competition  
 Alert*)

**The Lisbon Treaty - What Really  
 Matters (in under three minutes)**  
 (*Antitrust/Competition Alert*)

**Antitrust Risk: Three Resale Price  
 Maintenance Cases in Germany in  
 Six Months** (*Antitrust/Competition  
 Alert*)

**Towards a European Energy  
 Community?** (*GCR European  
 Antitrust Review 2010*)

**European Commission's First Use  
 of More Economic Approach in  
 Abuse of Dominance Cases**  
 (*Antitrust/Competition Alert*)

**A New Energy Era in the European  
 Union** (*GCR European Antitrust  
 Review 2009*)

**Heightened Antitrust Risk in the EU:  
 Restriction of Parallel Imports**  
 (*Antitrust/Competition Alert*)

**EC Competition Law: An Overview  
 of the Major Developments of 2008  
 and Expected Future Trends For  
 2009 and Beyond**  
 (*Antitrust/Competition Alert*)

*Competition Law International* (2006); "Multi-jurisdictional Merger Control," *PLC Cross-Border Competition Handbook* (2005/06). Christian frequently authors the O'Melveny European Antitrust and Competition Alerts.

**Speaker**, "Effective Document Collection/Legal Hold Protocols," The International Quality and Productivity Centre's Information Retention & E-Disclosure Management Exchange 2009, Brussels, Belgium (2009); "Enhancing Deterrence in Competition Law, Compliance Programmes, and Reduction in Fines," Competition Law Scholars Forum Workshop, Strathclyde University Law School, Glasgow (2007)

**Languages**, Danish; English; French; German; Norwegian; Swedish