



Antitrust / Competition



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About the Firm

Ukrainian Law Firms 2010 A Handbook for Foreign Clients

Asters – No. 1 law firm in Ukraine for antitrust

“Asters enjoys a reputation as an antitrust heavyweight in Ukraine”

Ukrainian Law Firms 2010 (Ukr)

Igor Svechkar – No. 1 lawyer for antitrust in Ukraine

Asters is a full-service independent national law firm. With 15 years of experience we have one of the longest track records on the country's young legal market.

Asters is the only winner in Ukraine of the prestigious Client Choice Award 2010 by *International Law Office* and is among the most recommended law firms in Ukraine according to such reputed international analytical reviews as *The Legal 500*, *PLC Which Lawyer?*, *Chambers Global* and *IFLR1000*. The firm has been ranked among the top 3 law firms in Ukraine by *50 Leading Ukrainian Law Firms* yearly rankings, held by *Legal Practice*, the leading Ukrainian legal weekly, for the last 8 years. It has also been ranked among the top 3 law firms in Ukraine for antitrust, banking and finance, international finance, securities, corporate, insurance, information technologies & communications, and medicine by *Ukrainian Law Firms 2010*, a Ukrainian legal market research publication.

The logo for Asters, featuring the word "Asters" in a stylized, teal-colored font.

Antitrust / Competition Practice

Who's Who Legal CIS 2010

Igor Svechkar has an “enviable track record” in antitrust

Legal Media Group Guides 09

Igor Svechkar – “pre-eminent practitioner for competition and antitrust in Ukraine”

Asters attorneys have profound knowledge and vast experience in the entire spectrum of antitrust issues that includes merger cases, concerted practices, abuse of dominance, unfair competition, etc. Asters guides and counsels its clients to help them minimize the burden of responding to the state investigations, obtaining merger clearances and other authorizations from the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine.

With 9 lawyers devoting most of their time to antitrust / competition projects, our practice group is one of the biggest in Ukraine. Asters Partners Igor Svechkar and Oleksandr Padalka are the leading practitioners in this area and represent Ukrainian and foreign clients in the most complicated and high-profile transactions and antitrust investigations.

Asters lawyers always keep abreast of the antitrust law and practice and monitor all important developments to best meet clients' needs and expectations. They closely interact and cooperate with the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine and are very active in the legal and academic community – in particular, Igor Svechkar is the Chairman of the Competition Committee of the Ukrainian Bar Association and a Co-Chair of the Commission on Competition of the ICC Ukraine.

“Legal Practice” Annual Research

Asters handled 12 out of 25 most significant merger cases in 2009

The Team

Eight partners lead a 100-strong staff with 55 lawyers making us one of the largest firms in Ukraine.

The talents and the expertise of our lawyers is the asset that we offer to our clients. Asters employs highly skilled experts specializing in the areas of M&A, banking and finance, capital markets, securities, corporate law, antitrust, privatization, restructuring, litigation and international arbitration, real estate, oil & gas, telecommunications, labor law, intellectual property, tax and international trade.

Our lawyers received law degrees from the best European, Ukrainian and US law schools, including Yale, Harvard, Chicago, and New York University, and many of them started their careers at the leading international law firms in the US, Europe, and Ukraine. Asters' lawyers combine world-class professionalism and quality with clear understanding of local realities so that clients receive practically-oriented advice in the most client-friendly manner.

PLC Which Lawyer? 2010

Asters – recommended law firm in Ukraine for competition and antitrust

Igor Svechkar – endorsed lawyer for competition/antitrust in Ukraine

Best Lawyers 2010

Igor Svechkar – lawyer of the year in antitrust (Kyiv)

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Representative Clients

- Represented *Allianz AG, Barclays, Swedbank AB, RUSAL, Arcelor, Glencore International AG, UniCredito Italiano S.p.A., Severstal, Nokia Corporation, Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc., Electrolux, Siemens AG, Acer Europe B.V., Kodak Health Group, Ford, MAN AG, Deer & Co, LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SA, Yves Saint Laurent, Mitsubishi Chemical, Chrysler, Fiat, Onexim, Compagnie Gervais Danone, Telenor ASA, Novartis AG, PPG Industries Inc., GlaxoSmithKline plc, Vaillant GmbH, Sanofi-Aventis, Amcor Limited, PAI Partners SAS, Merck & Co., Akron Beleggingen Nederland 12 B.V., ČEZ, a.s., Citibank, Agusta S.p.A., Cephalon Inc., Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Warburg Pincus, GTECH, The Goldman Sachs Group Inc., Eltek ASA, The Gores Group, Ecolab Inc., International Petroleum Investment Company*, etc. in merger cases at the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine.
- Advised *Elopak, Sopharma, Philip Morris, Walt Disney Company, Daikin Europe, Intel, L'Oreal Ukraine, Western Union* and others on competition compliance.
- Acted for *Beiersdorf AG, Nissan Motor, Heel, Velux, Ansell*, etc. in unfair competition matters.

Best Lawyers 2009

Asters – No. 1 in antitrust and M&A in Ukraine

Best Lawyers 2010

Igor Svechkar – recognized lawyer for antitrust and M&A

Kyiv Post 2010 Survey

Igor Svechkar – the best lawyer in antitrust law in Ukraine



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