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Itsiq Benizri focuses his practice on EU artificial intelligence, data protection, cybersecurity, electronic communications, and competition law.

Mr. Benizri advises clients on all artificial intelligence, data protection, and cybersecurity compliance issues, including global compliance programs and strategies, internal procedures and policies, outsourcing, security measures, breach notifications, cross-border data flows and interactions with competition law. Mr. Benizri has also been involved in several high-profile judicial and administrative proceedings, both at national and EU level. His experience covers a broad set of sectors, including social media, IT and cloud computing, communications, banking, energy, chemicals, transport, automotive, gaming, pharma, food and beverage, sports, media, pharmaceuticals and cosmetics.

Mr. Benizri is qualified as a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/E) by the International Association of Privacy Professionals and is a member of this association. Mr. Benizri is a frequent contributor to the firm's Privacy and Cybersecurity Law Blog.

Regarding competition law, Mr. Benizri advises clients on EU aspects of cartels and merger control proceedings, as well as on e-commerce in general, including online distribution issues. His experience covers various industries, including energy, pharmaceuticals, electronics, and security and financial services.

Solutions

Antitrust and Competition
Cross-Border Investigations
and Compliance
Mergers and Acquisitions

Artificial Intelligence
Cybersecurity and Privacy

Brussels/EU
Investigations

Experience

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND DATA PROTECTION

- Designing and implementing comprehensive compliance programs, including internal procedures and policies, outsourcing agreements and cross-border data flows safeguards, for companies in the energy, healthcare, chemicals, and communications industries.
- Advising companies on complex issues in various industries, including IT/cloud computing, telecommunications, social media, electronics, gaming, banking, energy, automotive, transport, chemicals, food and beverage, pharmaceuticals and cosmetics.
- Representing a multinational company in high-level data protection proceedings before national and European administrative authorities and courts.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

- Advising internet-based communications service providers on compliance with electronic communication requirements in more than 30 countries.
- Mr. Benizri has represented clients in cartel investigations initiated by the European Commission and the Belgian and Luxembourg Competition Authorities.

MERGER CONTROL

- Representing Danaher in its \$20 billion acquisition of GE Healthcare Life Sciences' biopharma business (EU Phase I clearance with remedies)
- Representing Baker Hughes in relation to Halliburton's proposed acquisition of the company (a phase 2 case terminated by the parties).
- Representing a pulp and paper company in a significant acquisition in the industry.
- Advising an energy company in relation to the creation of a full-function joint venture.

CARTELS

- Representing companies in the transport and electronics sector in a cartel investigation.

Credentials

EDUCATION

Executive LL.M, Law and
Artificial Intelligence, Brussels
School of Artificial Intelligence,
2022

LLM, College of Europe, 2015

LLM, European University
Institute, Florence, 2014

LLM, Université Libre de
Bruxelles, 2013

LLB, Université Libre de
Bruxelles, 2011

ADMISSIONS

Brussels

LANGUAGES

French

English