

## **LAURA DE SANCTIS**

Laura De Sanctis is an Italian attorney with a broad international experience and an extensive career advising European and non-European clients on a broad range of EU law and Italian law issues. She assisted and represented clients in proceedings before the European Commission, the Italian Antitrust Authority, the European Union and Italian courts.

She started her carrier as a lawyer in 1992 as a trainee in the European Commission's directorate in charge of competition matters. Between September 1992 and February 1993, she worked in the competition department of the Brussels office of a leading competition and international trade Belgian law firm; from 1993 to 1996, she was employed by the Italian Antitrust Authority, investigating anticompetitive practices and mergers in several areas. At the end of 1996, she joined the Brussels office of a leading US competition law firm. She moved to the Rome office of this firm at the end of 1999 and worked there till 2008 when she joined a leading Italian administrative law firm as Counsel and head of the competition and EU law practice. Subsequently, in 2010 she joined the Rome office of a leading US international law firm as Of Counsel and head of the competition and EU law department. In 2014, she started her own practice.

As to her academic background, she graduated with honors from the Law School of the Rome University "La Sapienza" in 1988. Subsequently she spent two years in the United States. Between 1989 and 1990, she attended the Yale law School as a visiting scholar and performed research on US Torts for the Italian "Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche" (National Research Center). In 1991, she received an LLM degree from the University of Michigan Law School, where she studied International law, US antitrust law, EU law and EU competition law and wrote a thesis on international antitrust. She lectured at various institutions, including the University of Milan (Bicocca) and the University of Naples/Caserta. In 2015 she taught US Business Organization Law at the Chicago-Kent College of Law at Illinois Institute of Technology, and European Union Law at the Loyola University School of Law of Chicago.

She was the recipient of the Fulbright Scholarship for law for the academic year 1990-1991 and was constantly named a leader in antitrust/competition by Chambers & Partners.