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## **BACKGROUND**

Daniel holds a Masters of Laws (LL.M.) from the Europa-Institut of the Saarland University (Germany), a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Salamanca (Spain) and two Postgraduate Diplomas from King's College London. Prior to joining HSF, Daniel worked at various international law firms in Brussels and as a trainee at the Directorate General for Competition (DG COMP) of the European Commission.

## **KEY SERVICES**

Competition, Regulation and Trade  
Antitrust

## **KEY SECTORS**

Technology, Media and Telecommunications  
Energy

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## **EXPERIENCE**

Daniel advises clients on all aspects of EU competition law, including merger control, cartel and antitrust investigations, horizontal and vertical agreements, compliance programs and State aid. Daniel has acted in multijurisdictional merger control reviews of major transactions in the food and drink, medical and energy sectors and advised clients in EU cartel investigations in the shipping and animal feed sectors.

He has developed expertise in various areas of vertical restraints having regularly advised clients on issues of resale price maintenance, online sales restrictions and selective distribution.

Daniel is admitted to the bar in Madrid and Brussels (E-List), and speaks fluent Spanish, German and English.

Daniel's recent experience includes advising:

- a multinational drink and brewing company in the acquisition of a global competitor with merger control filings in over 20 jurisdictions
- a multinational French company in the sale of its energy business to a US conglomerate with merger control filings in various jurisdictions including the EU
- a UK energy company in filing an action for annulment before the EU General Court against a Commission State aid decision
- a shipping company in cartel investigations in the EU and a number of Asian jurisdictions
- a leading Asian tire manufacturer on the establishment of a selective distribution network in the UK