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Michael Dietrich is an Associate Principal in RBB's Düsseldorf office, where he has relocated to in 2017 after 14 years in RBB's Brussels office. Before joining RBB in 2002, he worked in the energy practice of a leading European economic consultancy, advising on electricity and gas regulation issues. Michael holds a Master's degree in Economics from the London School of Economics. He is a German national and fluent in German and English.

Michael has advised clients on many competition cases, both before the European Commission and before national competition authorities in Germany, Switzerland, the UK, Greece, South Africa, Chile, Brazil, China, South Korea, Australia and other countries.

Michael provided advice to the parties on several EC Phase II merger cases, including Korean Air/Asiana, Aurubis/Metallo, Siemens/Alstom, Dow/DuPont, Zimmer/Biomet, Aegean/Olympic II, Friesland Foods/Campina, Johnson & Johnson/Guidant, Sony/BMG, GE/Instrumentarium and Carnival/P&O Princess Cruises, as well as on other notable merger cases such as the sale of Real hypermarkets to Kaufland and Edeka, AB InBev/SABMiller, IAG/Aer Lingus, Etihad/Alitalia, Andritz/Schuler, IAG/bmi, Sasol/Engen, Agfa/Lastra and VNU/Book Data.

In addition to his merger work, Michael has advised on a number of other cases before the European Commission (including the investigation into Google search), the German Bundeskartellamt and the Austrian Bundeswettbewerbsbehörde. His non-merger assignments also include advice to the parties of the North transatlantic joint business agreement between American Airlines, British Airways and Iberia, and IAG's and LATAM's South transatlantic agreement. Moreover, Michael has also worked on several cartel assignments, including cases in the cement and paper industries before the German Bundeskartellamt and the relevant German appellate court, and cases involving the petroleum and food additives sectors investigated by the European Commission.

## Recent Case Experience

Korean Air/Asiana  
Merger, EU

Kaufland/Real, Edeka/Real  
Merger, Germany

Aurubis/Metallo  
Merger, EU

Siemens/Alstom  
Merger, Global

AB InBev/SABMiller  
Merger, Global

Dow/DuPont  
Merger, Global

Zimmer/Biomet  
Merger, EU

Etihad/Alitalia  
Merger, EU

Aegean Airlines/Olympic Air II  
Merger, EU