

Racine strengthens its Competition practice with the arrival of Guillaume Fabre as partner.

Guillaume Fabre is a recognised expert in competition law, specifically in antitrust and State aid litigation. He has represented companies such as Apple, Reckitt and Eureden in litigation before the French Competition Authority and the European Commission. Guillaume Fabre has acted in major State aid cases in France (Dexia, PSA, Areva, SNCM) and has significant experience in damages litigation before French commercial courts, particularly for tech cases.

Prior to starting its independent practice, Guillaume practiced for more than ten years with Bredin Prat in Brussels and Paris and was involved in several major merger transactions such as the acquisitions of Ingenico by Worldline, the acquisition of WhiteWave by Danone or the sale of Areva's reactor business to EDF.

Guillaume Fabre serves as a Non-Governmental Advisor to the French Competition Authority within the International Competition Network. He is a member of the French association of competition lawyers (*Association des avocats pratiquant le droit de la concurrence*) and the French association for the study of competition (*Association française d'étude de la concurrence*). He lectures competition law at Sciences-Po Paris.

Guillaume Fabre is joined by Julien Puech, associate.

Bastien Thomas, partner in the Competition practice, said: *"We are delighted to welcome Guillaume, who brings recognised expertise to the team. His arrival is clearly part of our department's strong growth"*.

Guillaume Fabre adds: *"I am very excited to join Racine's Competition practice, which is very well known in the market. I look forward to take part in the practice's dynamic growth, particularly in the tech sector"*.

The team is now composed of 20 lawyers, including four partners, and is involved in all aspects of competition and distribution law, both in advisory and litigation matters.

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