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Service areas

Competition & Public
Procurement

Patents & Life Sciences

Aarne Puisto is known for his innovative and solution-oriented approach to solving clients' legal challenges related to public procurement, competition law and state aid. Moreover, he is regularly involved in administrative court proceedings, EU law related regulatory and compliance assignments as well as in foreign direct investment (FDI) proceedings.

He advises clients on both non-contentious and contentious assignments across a wide range of industries, including defence and security, energy, healthcare and pharmaceutical, media, and transport. His prior experience in competition and procurement matters at the Market Court of Finland and the Finnish Competition and Consumer Authority has enriched his understanding of legal processes. This dual insight allows him to anticipate challenges and opportunities in legal strategies, providing clients with a comprehensive approach that enhances their decision-making and strategic planning.

Aarne Puisto has acted as counsel in a number of cases before the Market Court and administrative courts. He also has experience in civil and criminal matters related to public procurement before general courts. This expertise is further deepened by his ongoing doctoral research on the effectiveness of legal remedies under Finnish public procurement rules.

In addition to his advocacy work, Aarne Puisto is a regular speaker at seminars, universities, and other educational events in Finland and abroad. He keeps himself updated on the rapidly changing case law and regulatory fields by writing articles for domestic and international legal journals. Furthermore, he is a board member of the Finnish Public Procurement Association.

CAREER

2022–present	Dittmar & Indrenius Attorneys Ltd.
2023	District Court of Helsinki Trainee Judge
2021	Market Court of Finland Market Court Referendary
2020–2022	Bird & Bird Attorneys Associate

EDUCATION

2023–	University of Lapland Doctoral Researcher
2020	University of Helsinki LL.M.
2019	Lund University LL.M. in European Business Law

RANKINGS & RECOGNITIONS

“Aarne Puisto has been an invaluable asset and a competitive advantage to us, because he has such a deep understanding of our market and business. He consistently brings fresh perspectives to complex issues, and communicates with clarity and precision.”

– The Legal 500 EMEA 2026, EU and competition

“Aarne Puisto always finds a solution, understands our business logic as if he were employed by us, and provides thoughtful, analytical advice. I consider working with him as a competitive advantage.”

– Chambers Europe 2026, Competition/European Law: Public Procurement

“Aarne Puisto is exceptionally talented, with a spot-on attitude.”

– Chambers Europe 2026, Competition/European Law: Public Procurement

“Aarne Puisto was easy to talk with and discuss the problems presented. Aarne showed that he fully grasped and understood the intricacies between EU/Finnish procurement/competition law and contract management.”

– The Legal 500 EMEA 2025, EU and competition

“Aarne Puisto, their associate – is very exceptional and talented. His attitude, his knowledge is something I have never seen in younger professionals. I am pretty sure Aarne will be one of the top competition lawyers in the Nordic countries within a few years. He can already now see 1) what is important and 2) what is not – and justify his opinions in a way not many seniors can. He is exceptional in many ways.”

– The Legal 500 EMEA 2023, EU and competition

Spotlight, Competition/European Law: Public Procurement, Chambers Europe, 2026

“He demonstrates a high level of expertise, strong service orientation, an approachable manner and an exceptional ability to quickly understand the specific requirements of the client's industry.”

– Chambers Europe 2026, Competition/European Law: Public Procurement

“Aarne Puisto stands out as a very knowledgeable and skilled lawyer. He is a very responsive and solution oriented professional.”

– The Legal 500 EMEA 2025, EU and competition

“Aarne Puisto is a very talented, well focused, and super skilled lawyer. Despite his scientific interest, or perhaps because of that – he manages to express himself clearly and practically. I greatly appreciate his wide-ranging expertise and extremely pleasant demeanor.”

– The Legal 500 EMEA 2024, EU and competition

“Aarne Puisto has provided my company invaluable assistance in large public tenders. His vast understanding of the public tenders, ability to act as an interpreter between the suppliers and the customers needs and targets, and exceptional competence in inventing innovative solutions to complex problems is unique in the market.”

– The Legal 500 EMEA 2023, EU and competition

MEMBERSHIPS & POSITIONS OF TRUST

- Finnish Bar Association
 - Finnish Public Procurement Association, Member of the Board 2023–
 - Finnish Competition Law Association
 - FIDE Finland
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PUBLICATIONS

“Tarjoajan poissulkeminen aiemmassa toiminnassa havaittujen epäkohtien vuoksi ja selvitysvastuu korjaavista toimenpiteistä julkisissa hankinnoissa”

– Defensor Legis 4/2021

“Recovering unlawful state aid after recipients’ transfer of business: new developments”

– Europarättslig tidskrift 4/2021

“Kilpailukiello 2020-luvulla: näkökulmia kilpailu-, sopimus- ja työoikeudellisiin rajapintoihin”

– Liikejuridiikka 2/2021

“Kilpailuviranomaisen otto-oikeus eli yrityskaupan jälki-ilmoitusvelvollisuus”

– Defensor Legis 1/2021

“Puitejärjestelyt julkisissa hankinnoissa”

– Defensor Legis 6/2020

”Laittomat suoramankinnat”

– Kilpailuoikeudellinen vuosikirja 2019

SELECTED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

“Several courses on EU Law, Competition Law and Public Procurement”

– Guest Lecturer, Lund University, University of Helsinki, University of Turku, University of Lapland, University of Eastern Finland, 2020 –

“Effectiveness of legal remedies under Finnish public procurement rules”

– Speaker, 10th Public Procurement Research Students Conference, University of Nottingham, 2023

“Uhkasakko hankintalainsäädännön tehosteena”

– Speaker, Valtakunnalliset oikeustieteen päivät, University of Tampere, 2023

LANGUAGES

English

Finnish

Swedish