



## Joost Houdijk

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### Languages

- Dutch
- English
- French

### Admitted to bar

- The Netherlands
- Belgium

### Membership

- International Bar Association (IBA)
- Competition Law Association
- AIJA (International Association of Young Lawyers)

### Education

- Radboud University Nijmegen: International and European Law, Dutch Law
- Radboud University Nijmegen: PhD in Competition Law

### About Joost Houdijk

Joost Houdijk is a lawyer at AKD and part of the EU and Competition Law team. He advises and litigates on cartel arrangements and abuse of dominant positions. In addition, he regularly assists enterprises with merger notifications to the European Commission and the Netherlands Authority for Consumers and Markets ('ACM'). Joost also represents enterprises and public authorities in litigation before Dutch courts and the European Court of Justice.

In addition to competition law, Joost specialises in Foreign Direct Investment ('FDI') regulation. His practice also encompasses EU free movement law, EU transportation law and consumer protection law.

Clients value Joost for his razor-sharp analysis of complex legal issues, and for his ability to think along with organisations about the specific questions of law they encounter. They appreciate the fact that he strives to reach the best possible outcome in each case with maximum effort and creativity.

### Recent cases

Joost recently supervised a successful ACM merger notification concerning the acquisition of NDC Mediagroep by Mediahuis. Joost has assisted a number of healthcare companies in a cartel investigation by the ACM that was completed without any indictment of the companies involved. Joost also assisted Denavit with its successful acquisition of Nutrifeed from FrieslandCampina.

### Education, activities and memberships

Joost regularly lectures at universities and private educational institutes, such as the Radboud University of Nijmegen. He has a large number of publications to his name, published in dozens of national and international journals. Joost has also co-authored books and reports. In 2009, Joost received his PhD for an extensive thesis on public interests in competition law.

In addition, Joost has been a long-standing editor of the multilingual Benelux journal *Le Droit des Affaires/Het Ondernemingsrecht* ('DAOR'), which addresses all aspects of economic and business law. His memberships include the International Bar Association ('IBA'), the International Association of Young Lawyers ('AIJA'), the Dutch Competition Law Association, and the Dutch Association for Civil Procedural Law.