

# Andreas Stargard

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An experienced antitrust litigator, Andreas Stargard advises companies and individuals across the globe. His focus areas are antitrust & competition advice, white-collar counseling, contract litigation & negotiation, and resolution of global business disputes, cartel work, corruption allegations and internal investigations, including competition-adjacent intellectual property & distribution issues. Clients commend him for providing high-quality work product, strict client focus, and timely, concrete advice that stays on point. He has written and spoken extensively on business litigation, antitrust & competition-law issues. Andreas also advises clients on corporate compliance programs that conform to local as well as global government standards, and has handled key strategic merger-notification issues, including evaluation of filing requirements, avoidance strategies, cross-jurisdictional cooperation, and the like.

Andreas is a founding partner of Africa-focused antitrust boutique Primerio Ltd., is the Editor-in-Chief and author of leading online resources on African competition law and anti-corruption matters across the continent, co-editor of the *Competition Policy International* Africa column, and has appeared frequently in the media discussing for example, the Google antitrust investigation. Additionally, Andreas speaks and lectures for various associations and organizations including IBA, ABA, *Concurrences*, and COMESA.

Andreas is fluent (written and oral) in German, French, and English

## Education

University of Virginia, J.D., Dean's List

College of William and Mary, B.A.

- *Phi Beta Kappa* 1999

## Admissions

- New York
- District of Columbia

## Experience

- Shepherd multiple M&A deals through international approval processes, including before the COMESA Competition Commission, the Nigerian FCCPC, Kenyan CAK, and several other adjudicative bodies; representative industries include: telecoms; advanced machine manufacturers; 'clean-room' medical technology company; automotive; educational tech company; advanced seed technology and related chemicals consolidation; mobile payments tech co.
- Advise Kenyan and South African limited corporations on buyout strategy and

merger clearance issues.

- Act as chief deal integration counsel on behalf of Independence Blue Cross in multi-billion-dollar Highmark transaction.
- Advise one of the largest international educational capacity-building corporations on private equity takeover, including competition implications of same.
- Advise domestic video and music production company and affiliates on licensing, contracting on new properties, as well as intellectual property issues.
- Legal counsel to numerous physician groups and independent practice groups in the Northeast U.S. in relation to collaborative conduct with respect to insurers, pharmacy benefit managers, payor networks.
- Advised UN subsidiary on mobile money policies across Africa, including competitive impact study.
- Advise Rockwell Automation Inc. in its global joint venture with Schlumberger, creating the first fully-integrated digital oilfield automation solutions provider (Sensia) (2018-2019).
- Represent senior executive in criminal DOJ price-fixing investigation in the RF technology sector (2018-2019).
- Advise World Bank subsidiary on commercial and competition-law aspects of cross-border interoperability project (2018-2019).
- Shepherded largest global agriculture M&A transaction through multi-jurisdictional merger clearance processes in three African jurisdictions, including COMESA filings, on behalf of Monsanto (2017-2018).
- Appeared before broad spectrum of courts and agencies (FTC, DOJ, DG COMP, COMESA CC, Kenya CAK, German Bundeskartellamt, State AGs, etc.).
- Provide ongoing competition-law and related advice to largest African generic pharmaceutical manufacturer.
- Attorney representing leading multi-nationals in various industries in relation to cartel investigations and civil suits (e.g., Electrograph Sys. Inc. v. Hitachi, Ltd., In re Cathode Ray Tube Antitrust Litig., Haley Paint Co. v. E.I. DuPont De Nemours & Co., re Air Cargo Shipping Servs. Antitrust Litig.)
- Acted as expert witness on competition-law issues in relation to then-newly established COMESA competition regime on behalf of European petroleum consortium as part of an ongoing commercial dispute in arbitral proceedings against Chinese competitor.
- AAA arbitration experience (including class-action arbitration disputes; argued on behalf of large community pharmacy entity in reimbursement action against Caremark; represented individuals in real estate disputes with co-owners; etc.).
- Extensive experience advising parties and protecting client interests in global governmental cartel and bid-rigging investigations, leniency applications, and

follow-on civil damages lawsuits, as well as international & domestic business disputes.

- Successfully sought and obtained first DOJ amnesty pursuant to (then newly-enacted) ACPERA on behalf of German fittings manufacturer and individuals.
- Represented global technology companies in European Commission DRAM cartel investigation & block-exemption proceedings (Samsung).
- Represented aircraft manufacturer in its navigation of African regulatory regimes across southern Africa.
- Represented largest African airline in cartel investigation, defending it against allegations of air cargo price-fixing and market allocation claims, in both civil and governmental proceedings (SAA).
- Defended against breach-of-contract allegations and pursue affirmative claims against U.S. agent of leading African seafood distributor.
- Extensive experience defending against and prosecuting antitrust and contractual disputes, including monopolisation, cartel, and breach of contract charges, among many others. New York and D.C. bar memberships.

## Awards & Recognition

- COMESA, Competition Commission Business Award (2023)

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