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#### Fields of expertise:

Competition and State Aid Administrative and Constitutional Public Procurement Aviation and Shipping Infrastructure and Energy Dispute Resolution

## Introduction:

Birgit is highly qualified advisor in constitutional, EU and international law. Birgit also advises clients in civil disputes, focusing on regulatory issues, especially in the areas of public procurement and competition law.

Birgit stands out with her capability to offer clients comprehensive solutions to complex legal issues, which may extend across different areas of law, national borders or jurisdictions. She has also a wide practical experience in preparing elaborate and sophisticated legal analyses.

Apart from her bachelor and master degrees from the University of Tartu, Birgit boasts a PhD as well as LLM degree in comparative, EU and international law from the European University Institute.

Birgit has an international profile in her area of research: in the framework of her research project in EU law she has participated in summer universities and guest programmes for the European University Institute as well as Columbia University in the City of New York, the University of Copenhagen in Denmark and the University of Coimbra in Portugal. She has also presented her research findings at several high-level international conferences from Helsinki to Seoul in South-Korea.

#### Membership:

Member of the Bar since 15.09.2015

#### Languages:

Languages: Estonian, English, Italian, Portuguese

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#### Professional background:

2014	Lawyer, Attorney, RASK Attorneys-at-Law
2013 – 2014	Voluntary legal counsel, SA Domus Dorpatensis social entrepreneurship incubator
2013	Intern, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia
2012	Adviser, Student Law Office at the University of Tartu
2011	Intern, Supreme Court of the Republic of Estonia
2011	Intern, Tartu County Court
2010	Intern, Office of the Chancellor of Justice

## **Education**:

2018	Guest doctoral at Columbia University
2017	European University Institute, PhD in Law
2017	European University Institute, LL.M in Comparative, European and International Laws
2015	Faculty of Law of the University of Tartu, MA
2013	Faculty of Law of the University of Tartu, BA
2011 – 2012	Faculty of Law, University of Coimbra (exchange student)

#### Example cases:

- RASK consults Estonian Chamber of Pharmacists and pharmacists in implementation of pharmacy reform. <u>»</u>
- RASK successfully handles dispute concerning independent pharmacies in the Supreme Court. »
- RASK prepares legal analysis for the state in ICSID dispute over Tallinn water tariffs. <u>»</u>
- RASK handles dispute involving independently owned pharmacies in Tartu Circuit Court.  $\underline{\textit{>}}$
- RASK carries out comprehensive legal audit of Rail Baltic project. <u>»</u>
- RASK consults public procurement case on ferry shipping. <u>»</u>

#### Public appearances:

- RASK attorney Birgit Aasa earnes great recognition from the Estonian Academy of Sciencies <u>»</u>
- Birgit Aasa receives PhD from European University Institute in Italy <u>»</u>
- Attorneys Birgit Aasa and Villy Lopman deliver presentations at a medical conference »
- Birgit Aasa writes on Estonian constitutional order for national broadcaster ERR <u>»</u>
- Attorneys Birgit Aasa and Villy Lopman deliver presentations at a medical conference <u>»</u>
- Birgit Aasa critically analyzes the discourse around the migration pact <u>»</u>
- Attorney Birgit Aasa critically analyzes the confusion surrounding the pharmacy reform <u>»</u>
- Birgit Aasa draws attention to extensive consequences of recent European Court of Justice ruling <u>»</u>