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Fields of expertise:

Criminal Proceedings – Head of Practice

Dispute Resolution

Insolvency and Reorganisation

Administrative and Constitutional

Introduction

Andrei specializes in criminal proceedings and litigation, often representing clients in complex and largescale economic crime cases, as well as in construction or insolvency matters. In the Legal 500 ratings agency's disputes category, Andrei has been highlighted as a "Leading Associate".

In October 2023, Andrei Svištš was appointed as a principal member of the professional competency commission. His responsibility is to ensure that new lawyers wishing to join the Estonian Bar Association are competent, honest, and uphold high ethical standards. Additionally, he contributes to the monitoring and assessment of the professional suitability of existing lawyers, which is vital for maintaining the high quality of legal services.

Since 2015, Andrei has played a pivotal role in all the firm's major criminal cases, several of which have set precedents in the Estonian legal system.

Andrei has enhanced his skills and qualifications through the European-wide NETPRALAT criminal law training program, collaborates internationally in client representation, and also serves as a trainer in modern criminal procedure methodologies for his colleagues in the Estonian Bar Association.

Membership:

Member of the Bar since 06.09.2016

Languages:

Languages: Estonian, English, Russian

Professional background:

2014 - ...	Lawyer, Attorney, Attorney-at-Law, Head of Practice, RASK Attorneys-at-Law
2014	Intern, Law Firm Glimstedt
2013	Consultant, Students' Law Office at the University of Tartu
2013	Intern, Prisons Department of the Ministry of Justice
2013	Intern, Criminal Department of Police and Border Guard Board, South Prefecture

Education:

2016	Faculty of Law of the University of Tartu, MA
2014	Faculty of Law of the University of Tartu, BA

Training:

2019	NETPRALAT international training programme on criminal proceedings
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Example cases:

- RASK defends a former member of the board of Swedbank AS in the money laundering criminal case concerning the Swedbank Estonian branch. [»](#)
- RASK consults clients in planning and building permit procedures in Otepää Nature Park. [»](#)
- RASK represents client in Port of Tallinn criminal proceedings. [»](#)
- RASK successfully handles dispute concerning independent pharmacies in the Supreme Court. [»](#)
- RASK consults KredEx on sale of national Electromobility (ELMO) network and quick charge infrastructure. [»](#)

Public appearances:

- 20.03: RASK's interrogation techniques workshop for law students. [»](#)
- Andrei Svištš: leaving the interpretation of hate speech to the courts would be repeating old mistakes. [»](#)
- Andrei Svištš highlights the ground-breaking legal proceedings of 2022 in Eesti Ekspress. [»](#)
- Andrei Svištš dissects the legal anatomy of substantial criminal trials in a TV interview with ETV+. [»](#)
- Andrei Svištš and Ramon Rask discuss legal issues related to the arrival of war refugees in the Edasi.org online. [»](#)
- Andrei Svištš gives lecture to home town high school students as part of Back to School project. [»](#)
- Andrei Svištš represents Estonia in international training programme on criminal proceedings in Barcelona. [»](#)
- Juridica: Providing Substance to Open Definitions of Directive 2008/115/EC in the Provisions on the Detention of Aliens in the Obligation to Leave and Prohibition on Entry Act. [»](#)

Recognition:

As a student, Andrei successfully competed in the Telders International Law Moot Court Competition as a member of the Estonian team who reached the finals for the first time in history.

