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Fields of expertise:

Criminal and Misdemeanor Proceedings – Head of Practice

Dispute Resolution and Arbitration

Reorganisation and Bankruptcy

Public Administration and Administrative Disputes

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 successfully defended Siim Seppik against bribery charges related to the Hexanor OÜ bankruptcy case. »
- RASK represents the former member of the management board and owner of Eesti Metsameister OÜ in criminal proceedings. »
- RASK defends a former member of the board of Swedbank AS in the money laundering criminal case concerning the Swedbank Estonian branch. »
- Successful Defense of Client in the Port of Tallinn Criminal Case. »
- RASK represents client in Port of Tallinn criminal proceedings. »
- RASK Represents the Bankruptcy Estate of Oliver Kruuda in Extensive Clawback Proceedings. »
- Successful Representation of Karl Jakob Hein Before the Harju County Court. »
- RASK consults clients in planning and building permit procedures in Otepää Nature Park. »
- RASK consults Estonian Chamber of Pharmacists and independent pharmacists in implementation of pharmacy reform. »
- RASK successfully handles dispute concerning independent pharmacies in the Supreme Court. »
- RASK consults Nordlin, one of the leading construction companies in Estonia. »
- RASK consults KredEx on sale of national Electromobility (ELMO) network and quick charge infrastructure. »
- RASK advised Hepta Group Airborne on UAV IP matters. »
- RASK advised Hepta Group on IP and legal matters. »

Public appearances:

- Andrei Svištš spoke about parliamentary immunity on the Kofe+ program. »
- Expert explains: where carrying a weapon is permitted and what must be taken into account when doing so. »
- Andrei Svištš, Head of the Criminal and Misdemeanor Proceedings Practice, gave a lecture on tax crime at Estonian Business School. »
- Attorney-at-Law Andrei Svištš gave an interview on Kofe+ regarding Estonian gun laws. »
- Conducted a Workshop for Law Students. »
- Spoke in a panel on Science in Adjudication at the 5th Jutla Criminal Law Conference. »
- Attorneys: Claims for Compensation by Port of Tallinn and TS Ships Are Not Time-Barred. »
- Attorney-at-Law Andrei Svištš Discusses Driving Licence Matters on Kofe+. »
- Andrei Svištš Represents Karl Jakob Hein in a Dispute with the Estonian Police. »
- Attorneys-at-Law: Parents are responsible for accidents caused by a child with a scooter. »
- Andrei Svištš discussed the shortcomings of the lay judge system on Pealtnägija. »



- Suspicion of Overcharging: Tartu Residents May Have Paid €1 Million Too Much in Waste Bills. »
- The Seppiaks Felt the Full Force of Bank Retaliation Despite Diplomatic Immunity. »
- Attorneys-at-law: The development of the defense industry requires an up-to-date regulatory framework. »
- National Defense as a Company's Responsibility - Why Is It Important? »
- Andrei Svištš talked on ETV+ morning show about parliamentary immunity in Estonia. »
- Andrei Svištš: leaving the interpretation of hate speech to the courts would be repeating old mistakes. »
- 20.03: RASK's interrogation techniques workshop for law students. »
- Ramon Rask and Andrei Svištš help train students for international moot court competition. »
- 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 helped train members of Estonian Bar Association. »
- 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. »
- Andrei Svištš and Siret Saks on the consequences of the misuse of ARIB support. »
- 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.

