

## VILLY LOPMAN

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#### Fields of expertise:

Tax — Co-Head of Practice  
Administrative and Constitutional — Head of Practice  
Environment and Planning — Head of Practice

Dispute Resolution  
Competition and State Aid  
Criminal Proceedings  
Healthcare  
Construction and Real Estate  
Aviation and Shipping  
Infrastructure and Energy

#### Introduction:

Villy advises clients primarily in the field of public law, which includes negotiating with different authorities and handling court disputes against the state. With his background as Head of the Legal Department and Principal Lawyer at the Estonian Tax and Customs Board, Villy has remarkable skills and experience in communicating with state authorities.

As one of the most sought-after experts on tax matters, Villy has participated in most major tax disputes in Estonia. These include, for example, successfully representing the City of Tallinn against a large group of undertakings in a sales tax dispute, or representing a client in the ground-breaking case of the constitutional review of tax interests in the Constitutional Review Chamber of the Supreme Court.

In recent years, Villy has focused on the protection of the interests of local authorities in their interactions with the state and has seen repeated success in representing clients in many heated disputes before the Supreme Court and raising questions of constitutionality concerns. Villy has also acted as a criminal defence counsel in cases of economic crime and represented a large number of clients at the European Court of Human Rights.

Villy is a member of the Estonian Bar Association Tax Committee as well as a passionate and experienced lecturer in the field. He has provided training to entrepreneurs, students as well as various authorities, such as officials of the Tax and Customs Board and judges of the Republic of Estonia.



## Membership:

Member of the Bar since 10.12.2013

Member of the Estonian Bar Association Tax Committee

## Languages:

Languages: Estonian, English, German

## Professional background:

2013 - ...	Attorney, Attorney-At-Law, RASK Attorneys-at-Law
2011 – 2013	Tax consultant, Law Firm Raidla Lejins & Norcous
2005 – 2011	Leading lawyer, director of the legal department, the Estonian Tax and Customs Board
2005	Intern, Administrative Law Chamber of the Supreme Court
2003	Consultant, Tartu County Court
2002	Intern, Valga County Government

## Education:

2007	Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, LL.M in tax law
2003 – 2005	Faculty of Law of the University of Tartu
2003 – 2004	Faculty of Law of the Universität Konstanz

## Example cases:

- RASK successfully represents client in Supreme Court dispute with Environmental Board over clear cutting near homes. [»](#)
- RASK consults Rally Estonia organising team for the first FIA WRC rally in Estonia. [»](#)
- RASK successfully represents client in Supreme Court dispute with ARIB. [»](#)
- RASK consults Estonian Chamber of Pharmacists and pharmacists in implementation of pharmacy reform. [»](#)
- RASK successfully handles dispute concerning independent pharmacies in the Supreme Court. [»](#)
- RASK consults wholesaler Bambona on largest insurance event in 2016. [»](#)
- RASK represents municipalities in Supreme Court dispute over environmental charges. [»](#)
- RASK represents client in Supreme Court constitutional review. [»](#)
- RASK challenges constitutionality of land tax in Supreme Court. [»](#)
- RASK successfully challenges new tax on motor vehicles. [»](#)
- RASK consults and represents City of Tallinn in sales tax dispute. [»](#)
- RASK consults Rally Estonia in organising WRC promo rally. [»](#)
- RASK represents Estonian Traders Association in negotiating packaging excise duty reform. [»](#)

## Public appearances:

- International legal review Legal 500 confirms RASK's high competencies in eight practice areas [»](#)
- Villy Lopman and Karmen Kaplinski, in cooperation with the Ministry of Finance, conducted training on the subject of comprehensive plans and property restrictions [»](#)



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- 24.11 Seminar of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry: Personal liability of a member of the Management Board in liquidation of the company's tax debts [»](#)
  - Keidi Kõiv and Villy Lopman write about ARIB's controversial interpretation of area-related aid [»](#)
  - Tax expert Villy Lopman discusses money laundering prevention issues on Äripäev radio [»](#)
  - Attorneys Birgit Aasa and Villy Lopman deliver presentations at a medical conference [»](#)
  - RASK attorneys train entrepreneurs on data protection and prevention of money laundering [»](#)
  - Villy Lopman speaks on the Äripäev radio show "The Politician's Desk" [»](#)
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- Äripäev: Automobile taxes should not become a fine [»](#)
  - Attorney Villy Lopman participates in meeting on amendments to Commercial Code [»](#)

## Recognition:

Internationally acclaimed legal market reviews BestLawyers.com, The Legal 500 and Chambers Europe confirm Villy's extensive experience and outstanding achievements in the field of taxes.

