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Dr. Novak is a partner at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, based in Brussels, Belgium. His practice focuses on arbitration, competition law/antitrust and EU and global foreign direct investment control. His experience includes complex merger control proceedings, cartel investigations, abuse of dominance cases, antitrust counselling, and litigation before EU Courts, as well as a wide range of issues under EU law and sports-related matters.

Dr. Novak co-leads the Cleary Gottlieb's EU FDI practice and regularly advises on complex global FDI matters across a wide range of sectors, leading a team of Cleary's broader FDI practice and local counsel. He is included in GCR's inaugural global Foreign Investment Control 40 under 40 list.

His experience covers a range of industries, including steel, metals, semiconductors, energy, agrochemicals, pharmaceuticals/biotech, payment card systems, IT, finance, consumer goods, and sports.

Dr. Novak is an arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, London Court of International Arbitration, and Vienna International Arbitral Centre.

In 2012, he received his LL.M. degree from Harvard Law School. He started his practice at Cleary Gottlieb Brussels in 2012 and was resident in Cleary Gottlieb's Washington DC office in 2015/2016, before returning back to Brussels in 2017. He became partner in 2025.

Dr. Novak is a former football player and referee.

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

1. Air Transport
2. Alcoholic and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
3. Animal Health
4. Banking and Financial Services
5. Coal, Electricity and Gas
6. Computer hardware
7. Cosmetics
8. Diagnostics
9. EU Financial Regulation
10. Hospital Hardware
11. Karting
12. Metals
13. Offshore billing
14. Paper and Carton Board
15. Payment cards
16. Perfumes and Cosmetics
17. Pharmaceuticals/Biotech
18. Plant Protection Products

19. Security Services
20. Sports Broadcasting and Licensing
21. Steel
22. Telecommunications
23. Tires
24. Wholesale and Retail Distribution of Consumer Goods
25. Semiconductors

ARBITRATION EXPERIENCE

Court of Arbitration for Sport

President of the Panel in the following cases:

1. CAS 2024/A/10938 (appeal, cycling)
2. CAS 2024/A/10833 (appeal, equestrian)
3. CAS 2024/A/10807 (appeal, tennis)
4. CAS 2023/A/10161 (appeal, tennis)

Sole Arbitrator in the following cases:

1. CAS 2024/A/10960 (appeal, weightlifting)
2. CAS 2024/A/10961 (appeal, weightlifting)
3. CAS 2024/A/10988 (appeal, weightlifting)
4. CAS 2024/A/10989 (appeal, weightlifting)
5. CAS 2024/A/10364 (appeal, basketball)
6. CAS 2024/A/10406 (appeal, basketball)
7. CAS 2024/A/10488 (appeal, basketball)
8. CAS 2024/O/10612 (ordinary arbitration, contractual dispute in football)
9. CAS 2023/O/10049 (ordinary arbitration, contractual dispute in football)
10. CAS 2023/O/10181 (ordinary arbitration, contractual dispute in football)
11. CAS 2023/O/9664 (ordinary arbitration, contractual dispute in football)
12. CAS 2021/A/7830 (appeal, withdrawn)
13. CAS 2020/A/7520 (ordinary arbitration, contractual dispute in football)
14. CAS 2020/A/6835 (appeal, ski mountaineering)
15. CAS 2020/A/6960 (appeal, basketball)
16. CAS 2020/A/6988 (appeal, athletics)
17. CAS 2020/A/6987 (appeal, athletics)
18. CAS 2020/A/6986 (appeal, athletics)
19. CAS 2020/A/6903 (appeal, withdrawn)

20. CAS 2019/O/6537 (ordinary arbitration, contractual dispute in football)

21. CAS 2019/A/6514 (ordinary arbitration, contractual dispute in football)

Arbitrator in the following cases:

1. CAS 2019/A/6226 (appeal, cycling)

CASES BEFORE THE GENERAL COURT

1. Case C-10/18P Marine Harvest (counsel of Marine Harvest)
Re: Appeal against European General Court's judgment confirming of the Commission's decision.

CASES BEFORE THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

1. Case C-10/18P Marine Harvest (counsel of Marine Harvest)
Re: Appeal against European General Court's judgment confirming of the Commission's decision.

LIST OF ARTICLES

2014-2024

1. “Whereabouts Failure in CAS Jurisprudence,” Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) Bulletin, December 2024
2. “Health Data Transfer and Processing in CAS Proceedings,” Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) Bulletin, July 2020
3. A Systematic Review of CAS Decisions in Football Matters in 2020-2021, Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) Bulletin (2023).
4. “EU FDI: State Of The Union (2024),” Cleary Foreign Investment and International Trade Watch blog, November 2024
5. “Proposed New EU FDI Screening Regulation — 10 Things to Know,” Cleary Gottlieb Alert Memorandum, March 2024
6. “EU Takes Times to Ready Outbound Investment Control Toolkit,” Cleary Gottlieb Alert Memorandum, February 2024
7. “Antitrust Violations May Oust Companies From Public Tenders (Infraestruturas de Portugal),” Cleary Antitrust Watch blog, December 2023
8. “Opening Up The Wallet: Apple To Offer Rivals Access To NFC System On iOS Devices,” Cleary Antitrust Watch blog, December 2023
9. “Opting-Out-Of-Settlement Could Be Costly: Commission Fines Largest Nordic Ethanol Producer €48 million For Manipulating Ethanol Benchmarks,” Cleary Antitrust Watch blog, December 2023
10. “European Commission In “Reflection Mode” Following CJEU Loss In The Engie State Aid Case,” Cleary Antitrust Watch blog, December 2023
11. “EU FDI: State of The Union,” Cleary Gottlieb Alert Memorandum, November 2023
12. “Benelux FDI: Luxembourg FDI Screening Regime Enters Into Force,” Cleary Gottlieb Alert Memorandum, September 2023
13. “A Systematic Review of CAS Decisions in Football Matters in 2020-2021,” Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) Bulletin, July 2023
14. “Outbound Investment Screening Regime—EU May Follow In U.S. Footsteps,” Cleary Foreign Investment and International Trade Watch (February 8, 2023)
15. “Recent Developments in EU Merger Remedies,” Journal of European Competition Law & Practice, annual publication 2015-2021

16. “European Commission Seeks Comments on Draft Revised Distribution Rules,” Cleary Gottlieb Alert Memorandum, July 2021