

# AEQUO

## **Mariya Nizhnik**

Executive partner, head of the Antitrust, Competition and Trade, Environment practices

Mariya is also the head of the Hospitality and Leisure industry group

## **EXPERTISE**

Mariya is a well-renowned expert in the area of antitrust and competition law, with extensive experience at leading Ukrainian law firms advising national and international clients on competition and international trade matters. Mariya's practice also involves assistance to public and private clients on environmental and climate change matters.

She has primarily focused on antitrust investigations (abuse of dominance and cartel cases, in particular on anticompetitive distribution arrangements, price fixing, market allocations, exclusionary behaviour), and other competition matters, including merger control and state aid. Mariya has deep knowledge of EU competition law, which allows her to work effectively with multinational clients.

In 2015 Mariya was appointed as the First Deputy Chair of the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine. In her role at the AMCU, Mariya focused on improving the efficiency of competition regulations and enforcement mechanisms to make the Ukrainian market more competitive. Mariya drove all the major reforms in this sector between 2015-2019, including the introduction of a state aid system in Ukraine, developing standards of proof in antitrust investigations, and assessments in merger control proceedings.

Mariya was a member of Interdepartmental Commission on International Trade of Ukraine (ICIT).

In 2020 she re-joined Aequo.

June 2015 - July 2019, Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine, First Deputy Head.

## **EDUCATION**

- Donetsk National University. Master of Laws (2001).
- University of Pittsburgh School of Law. LLM (2003).
- King's College London. PG Diploma - EU Competition Law (2014).

## **ADMISSION**

- International Bar Association (IBA).
- Kyiv City Bar Association.
- Ukrainian Bar Association (UBA).

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## RECOGNITION

Mariya has been repeatedly recommended by reputable international and local legal rankings such as Chambers Europe, The Legal 500, Global Competition Review (GCR) 100, Best Lawyers, The Ukrainian Law Firms. A Handbook for Foreign Clients, etc.