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English | Greek



About James

James Konidaris has extensive legal and regulatory experience in communications and technology, spanning Australia, the UK, Europe and the Middle East.

James advises on a broad range of regulatory, policy and commercial matters, including international and multijurisdictional advice and transactions, advising global companies in the IT, communications, financial services and automotive sectors, as well as regulatory authorities and not-for-profit organisations. He works closely with communications regulatory authorities on major projects to draft laws, regulations and other regulatory instruments.

In addition, James advises various private equity, private lending and real estate investment firms, as well as various technology and manufacturing companies on Australia's foreign investment regulatory framework, ensuring a seamless entry to the Australian market.

James is co-vice president of the Australian Chapter of the International Institute of Communications. He is also co-author of the *EU Electronic Communications Code Handbook* (Bloomsbury Professional) and a contributing author to the LexisNexis Practice Notes on The European Electronic Communications Code and Radio Spectrum Regulation.

Experience

- Advising a British luxury car manufacturer in connection with the communications law aspects of connected cars.
- Advising several digital services providers in connection with their compliance with communications and digital services laws.
- Drafting a new national radio spectrum law, a universal service regulation and other regulatory instruments for various communications regulatory authorities.
- Advising a telecommunications company in connection with its obligations under Australia's security of critical infrastructure regulatory framework.
- Advising a submarine cable landing station provider on the negotiation of its landing provider agreement.

- Advising satellite operators on various regulatory issues, including interference management, frequency coordination and licensing obligations.
- Advising a telecommunications regulatory authority on the review of its licensing framework, access regulation, consumer protection regulation and the regulation of over-the-top (OTT) voice and messaging services.
- Advising a communications regulatory authority on various projects in connection with international connectivity, and the review of its market definitions and dominance designations.
- Completing a secondment to a Middle Eastern regulatory authority to comprehensively review its communications regulatory framework, undertake a gap analysis of the regulatory instruments in force and prepare compliance tools for use by the authority.
- Advising a global technology company on various aspects of the EU Commission's evaluation and review of the regulatory framework for electronic communications networks and services, the EU Electronic Communications Code and the implementation of the net neutrality regulations.
- Advising a global technology company on issues regarding licensing, regulation and blocking of OTT voice and messaging services in the Middle East and Africa.
- Advising a multinational energy company on the regulatory issues of switching to OTT voice and messaging services as its sole communications solution across Europe, Asia, Africa, the Middle East and the Americas.
- Advising a private equity firm on regulatory and competition law issues in its bid to purchase a European telecommunications operator.
- Advising on emerging issues regarding the use of various communications technologies, preparing briefing material for use in government forums and preparing regulatory and parliamentary submissions.
- Representing an Australian internet service provider in its successful defence at trial and all appeal proceedings up to the High Court of Australia, the first case in the world brought by a consortium of Hollywood and Australian film and television studios against an ISP alleging the authorisation of copyright infringement of its users.
- Representing internet service providers in defending numerous judicial review applications of regulatory determinations issued by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission regarding wholesale access to various telecommunications services.

Credentials

Education

- Deakin University Melbourne, LLB (Hons),
- Deakin University Melbourne, BSc,

Admissions

- High Court of Australia, 2008
- Supreme Court of Victoria, 2008

Memberships & Affiliations

- Co-vice president of the Australian Chapter of the International Institute of Communications

Expertise

Services

- Antitrust & Competition
- Communications

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