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Directory of EU Case Law on the Preliminary Ruling Procedure René Barents 2009-01-01
Article 234 EC ensures that a divergent application of the EC Treaty or of the statutes

and acts of its institutions is not allowed in any Member State. Unsurprisingly, its pivotal importance has given rise to a huge number of ECJ judgments and orders - about 700 by the beginning of 2009. Very often, a practitioner

needs to establish whether the preliminary ruling procedure called for by Article 234 EC is required in a particular case being pursued in a national court, and any relevant ECJ ruling or order must be located. Herein lies the great value of this book. Dr Barents' very useful volume sorts paragraphs of the 700 judgments and orders by subject, making it easy to establish the relevance of a particular Community court ruling to a particular national court proceeding. In this book paragraphs of the judgments and orders are presented in the form of extracts sorted by subject. The subject headings are arranged according to a hierarchical system, descending from such overarching concepts as scope and participation to such precise categories as the following: situations outside the scope of community law; bodies not considered to be courts or tribunals; arbitration; third persons; rights of participants; formulation of preliminary questions; presumption of relevance of a preliminary reference; violation of the obligation

to refer; requirement of a pending dispute; interim measures; modification of preliminary questions; questions rejected by the submitting court; new elements presented during the preliminary procedure; questions lacking precision; retroactive effects of judgments. Paragraphs of judgments relating to more than one subject are included under each relevant heading, where necessary accompanied by cross references to other headings. Under each extract or summary, the judgments and orders are referred to by case number in ascending order. The articles of the EC Treaty are cited according to the new method of citation pursuant to the renumbering of the articles of that treaty brought about by the Treaty of Amsterdam. There is no doubt that the book's technique of presenting case law in the form of separate extracts and summaries arranged by topic and sub-topic improves the accessibility of the material. This very practical, time-saving feature will be greatly appreciated by practitioners throughout Europe.

This is a reference every European lawyer will want to have on hand.

Takeover Law in EU and the USA:A Comparative Analysis Christin Forstinger 2002-09-26

Takeover Law in the UK, the EU and China Joseph Lee 2021-05-20

This book investigates stakeholders' interests, market players, and governance models for the takeover market in the changing global economic orders. Authors from the UK, Germany, the Netherlands, Australia, and China discuss takeovers in the context of China as a rising power in the global M&A market and re-examine takeover as an efficient method for corporate competition, consolidation, and restructuring. China has come to embrace takeovers as a market practice and is seeking directions for further reforms of its law, regulatory model, and banking system in order to compete with other economic powers. Yet, China is at a very different economic development stage and has different legal and political structures. State-owned enterprises dominate the

Shanghai and Shenzhen stock markets - a very different landscape from UK and European exchanges. Researchers and policy makers are currently developing options in response to needs for reform. Recently, China has also announced the opening of its financial markets to foreign ownership. This book reflects on the UK and European models and focuses on the policy choices for China to transform its capital market. The book is of interest to postgraduate students and researchers (LLM, PhD, postdocs), law and management/finance academics, and policy makers.

Transatlantic Defence Procurement Luke R. A. Butler 2017-03-02 This volume constitutes the first ever attempt to establish a basis for comparative research on defence procurement regulation. For decades there has been repeated emphasis on the extent to which barriers to trade in Europe and the US prevent a more competitive defence market. Transatlantic Defence Procurement offers the first analysis of the

potential impact of defence procurement regulation itself as a barrier to trade between the US and the EU. Part I examines the external dimension of a new EU Defence Procurement Directive, focusing on its implications for third countries, in particular the US. Part II examines foreign access and treatment under US law. Part III maps a future research agenda that is essential for a more systematic understanding of legal barriers to transatlantic defence trade. The book provides context for future initiatives, ranging from reformed market access arrangements to a Defence Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership and beyond.

Common Legal Framework for Takeover Bids in Europe: 2010-01-28 The Council Directive of 21 April 2004 on takeover bids sets forth the general principles applicable to takeover bids and clarifies certain minimum rules with respect to the procedure for a takeover bid, the obligation to make a mandatory bid in the event a minimum threshold is crossed and the majority

shareholder's squeeze-out right as well as the minority shareholders' sell-out right. Furthermore, the Directive defines the authority which is competent to approve offer documents and supervise takeover bids, and provides for optional restrictions on the actions of the target company's management and on defence mechanisms. This book discusses the Takeover Directive and its implementing rules in each Member State of the European Union and the European Economic Area, providing companies and their advisors with useful insight into the legal framework and principles applicable to takeover bids in the region.

Yearbook of European Law 2009 Herbert Smith Professor of Law at the Centre for European Law Piet Eeckhout 2010-02-25 Now in its 28th year, the Yearbook of European Law is one of the most highly respected periodicals in the field. Featuring extended essays from leading scholars and practitioners, the Yearbook has become essential reading for all involved in

European legal research and practice. This year's issue includes a special symposium on the recent Kadi case in the European Court of Justice, with contributions by Giorgio Gaja, Christian Tomuschat, Enzo Cannizzaro, Riccardo Pavoni and Martin Scheinin.

The Impact of Merger and Acquisition Activities on Corporate Performance Measured on an Accounting and Market Base Malwina Woznik
2013-08-07 Master's Thesis from the year 2013 in the subject Business economics - Controlling, grade: 1,3, University of Cologne (Seminar für allgemeine BWL und Controlling), language: English, abstract: "Warren Buffett swallows Heinz: Sauce for the sage" – a typical takeover announcement was published lately on 14th February 2013. Warren Buffett, a well known investor, acquired along with the financial investor 3G Capital the H. J. Heinz Company for \$ 28 billion. This is likely to become the largest transaction in the food industry. The company's stock price rose more than 20.0 percent after the

publication which is a very characteristic reaction to deal announcements. Hence, the important question is, if transactions, such as the takeover of the H. J. Heinz Company, affect the corporate performance consistently. In general, the core idea about mergers and acquisitions (M&A) is to generate additional future growth if for example organic growth is limited. If two companies merge or a target is bought by another company (the acquirer), shareholders believe in synergy effects. These are revenue enhancements, cost reductions, tax gains and reduced capital requirements leading to business growth and thus to a higher value of the new company. However, it is questionable if this theory can also be experienced in the real world. Ever since the effects of M&A have been analysed, the market of the United States (US) was used as data source. This is plausible due to the fact that the very first information was well recorded for US companies. It is remarkable that literature contributes very little research on Europe,

although the number of announced European transactions is comparable to those of the US. For example, in 2007 the European deals volume overtook the one from the United States of America (USA) for the first time. Moreover, research on single European countries almost never exists or only rarely. One exception is the United Kingdom (UK) with an early takeover history beginning in the 1960s. However, European countries should be analysed separately because of its high diversity regarding the accounting framework, the corporate governance or the legal and regulation structure. For instance, Germany is characterised by conservative accounting principles and a high regulation by the banking sector. These issues may also influence the M&A decision making process.

National Security Review of Foreign

Investment Cheng Bian 2020-03-19 In recent years, China, the US, and the EU and its Member States have either promulgated new national

laws and regulations or drastically revised existing ones to exert more rigorous government control over inward foreign direct investment (FDI). Such government control pertains to the establishment of an ex-ante review regime of FDI in the host state in sectors that are considered as 'sensitive' or 'strategic', with an aim to mitigate the security-related implications. This book conducts a systematic and up-to-date comparative study of the national security review regimes of China, the US, and the EU, using Germany as an exemplifying Member State. It answers a central research question of how domestic law should be formulated to adequately protect national security of the host state whilst posing minimum negative impacts to the free flow of cross-border investment. In addition to analyzing the latest development of the national security review regimes in aforementioned jurisdictions and identifying their commonalities and disparities, this book establishes a normative framework regarding the design of a national

security review regime in general and proposes specific legislative recommendations to further clarify the law. This book will be of interest to scholars in the field of international and comparative investment law, investors who seek better compliance programs in the host state, and policymakers who aim for high-quality regulation on foreign investment.

German Public Takeover Law Thomas Stohlmeier 2007 Since it was enacted early in 2002, the German Securities Acquisition and Takeover Act has proven to be a well functioning body of law for public takeovers. With ample opportunity to work with the rules, all parties offerors, target company directors and managers, regulators, and courts have established a firm basis for proceeding confidently with public mergers and acquisitions and public-to-private transactions in Germany. This shift from the uncertain business environment in which the first edition of this book appeared in 2002 calls for an update. This new edition takes into account all the regulatory and

judicial clarifications that have emerged during the intervening years, as well as the 2006 amendments that make use of the option not to apply the restrictive European model concerning defensive measures of target companies against public takeover attempts. Among the features of the Act (and the legal framework it represents) considered here are the following: the European passport for public offers; squeeze-out options for offerors; sell-out option for shareholders of target companies; the role of the regulator (BaFin); and restructuring measures after a successful offer. A substantial portion of the book is taken up with texts of the relevant German laws and regulations, synoptically arranged in both German and English. In particular it contains the complete Securities Acquisition and Takeover Act and all of its related regulations, together with substantial portions of the Stock Corporation Act and many other statutory materials that are relevant in public takeover and public-to-private transactions. The German Public Takeover Law,

Second Edition, will greatly assist strategic and financial investors, their investment bankers, lawyers and other advisors in international and cross-border business to better understand what their German lawyers are advising them, as it facilitates communication between different legal cultures. The book is also an excellent guide to the current and future characteristics of the law governing German equity markets.

European Company Law Nicola de Luca
2021-04-15 Taking a text, cases and materials approach, de Luca's successful textbook remains the only offering for students of European company law, and has been thoroughly updated in this new edition. Chapters have been expanded to cover the latest legislation and directives on cross-border mergers, the use of digital tools, and cross-border insolvency, while figures and graphs have been introduced to help illustrate complex processes and relationships. Clearly differentiated explanatory textboxes from the first edition have been revised, and allow

students to quickly identify sources such as EU legislation, official documents and excerpts from scholarly papers. The book explores a diverse range of topics, from what European company law is, to the structure of the Societas Europaea Statute, capital markets and takeover law. It continues to be an essential resource for the growing number of graduate courses in European company law, European business law, and comparative corporate law.

The Anatomy of Corporate Law Reinier H. Kraakman 2017 Businesses using the corporate form give rise to three basic types of agency problems: those between managers and shareholders as a class; controlling shareholders and minority shareholders; and shareholders as a class and other corporate constituencies, such as corporate creditors and employees. After identifying the common set of legal strategies used to address these agency problems and discussing their interaction with enforcement institutions, *The Anatomy of Corporate Law*

illustrates how a number of core jurisdictions around the world deploy such strategies. In so doing, the book highlights the many commonalities across jurisdictions and reflects on the reasons why they may differ on specific issues. The analysis covers the basic governance structure of the corporation, including the powers of the board of directors and the shareholder meeting, both when management and when a dominant shareholder is in control.

Mergers, Acquisitions, and Corporate

Restructurings Patrick A. Gaughan 2007-12-10

The Use of Defensive Measures in Hostile

Takeovers Alexandra Hanisch 2002 "This Master's Thesis is a comparative study of the regulation of defensive measures in hostile takeovers. It consists of two main parts: In the first, the subject is approached from a theoretical point of view. The relevant factors for the regulation of defensive measures are outlined and analysed, followed by a discussion of the different ways of drafting such rules. This part

concludes with a proposition concerning the most favourable form and content of a regulation. The second part describes hostile takeover regulation in the US, the UK, Canada, the EU and Germany, showing the diversity in that field of regulation in practice and the underlying reasons. It highlights and assesses the characteristics of each country and its regulation in the light of the considerations made in the first part, and provides an outlook concerning the future development of the regulation of defensive measures in hostile takeovers." --

Hostile Takeovers and Directors Ari Savela 1999-01-01

The Autonomy of Community Law R. Barents 2004-01-01 "This book is the English version of my 'De communautaire rechtsorde' ... which was published by Kluwer, Deventer (the Netherlands) in 2000 ... Where necessary I have updated the text by taking account of developments until the beginning of 2003."--Foreword.

Criminal Law Principles and the

Enforcement of EU and National

Competition Law Marc Veenbrink 2019-11-20
Although Article 23(5) of EU Regulation 1/2003 provides that competition law fines 'shall not be of a criminal law nature', this has not prevented certain criminal law principles from finding their way into European Union (EU) competition law procedures. Even more significantly, the deterrent effect of competition law fines has led courts in the Netherlands and the United Kingdom (UK), as well as the European Court of Human Rights, to conclude that competition law proceedings can lead to a criminal charge. This book offers the first book-length study of whether courts do indeed apply criminal law principles in competition law proceedings and, if so, how these principles are adapted to the needs and characteristics of competition law. Focusing on competition law developments (both legislative and judicial) over a period of twenty years in three jurisdictions – the Netherlands, the UK and the EU – the author compares how each of the

following (criminal law) principles has emerged and been interpreted in each jurisdiction's proceedings: freedom from self-incrimination; non bis in idem; burden and standard of proof; legality and legal certainty; and proportionality of sanctions. The author offers proposals involving both legislative and judicial actions, with examples of judges invoking criminal law principles to develop an appropriate level of safeguards in competition law proceedings. The book shows that criminal law can provide a rich source of inspiration for the judiciary on the appropriate level of legal safeguards in competition law proceedings. As such, it provides an important source of information and guidance for lawyers and judges dealing with competition law matters.

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Creating Value from Mergers and Acquisitions

Sudi Sudarsanam 2003 This text studies mergers and acquisitions in Europe within a common framework and provides a comparative analysis of the M & A scene in Europe and in the US. It

develops a coherent, international and multidisciplinary perspective of the M & A scene. **Corporate Takeover Law and Management Discipline** Francis A Okanigbuan Jnr 2019-12-20 This book examines the effectiveness of corporate takeovers. The dominant ideologies of corporate takeovers include synergistic gains and its managerial disciplinary role. These dominant themes are being undermined by the challenges of costly acquisitions. The UK Takeover Code is a regulatory response to the role of managers of target companies only. Also, the regulatory framework for takeovers in the United States is largely focused on target companies. The book demonstrates that managements can influence the role of takeovers, thereby undermining its synergistic and disciplinary values. Presenting an identification and evaluation of the limits of current regulatory and judicial control over the role of management during takeovers in the UK and the US -Delaware, it will identify the relevance of institutional control as an effective

mechanism for addressing the challenges of managerial influence over takeover functions. It will also identify how the role of managements can be addressed with the complementary benefit to shareholder and employee interests; thereby challenging the shareholder/ stakeholder primacy debate in corporate law, particularly in relation to takeovers. This book will be essential reading for scholars and students interested in the market for corporate control, corporate law and company law.

European Takeover Regulation Erik Bergl6f 2003 In its quest for more corporate restructuring and a single market for capital, the European Commission is pushing for Europe-wide takeover regulation. Previous attempts have failed largely due to differences in corporate governance arrangements across Member States. This article provides a framework for evaluating the effects of takeover regulation. We apply this framework to some specific proposals in the European debate and show that their impact often depends

critically on the structure of ownership and control. In particular, two of the most discussed rules, the strict mandatory bid rule and the break-through rule, have no impact when ownership is dispersed. Also, the proposed break-through rule would only affect firms with dual-class shares but not firms that use other control instruments. Moreover, the two rules would effectively counteract each other, the break-through rule promoting takeovers and the mandatory bid rule impeding them. Introducing a strict mandatory bid rule alone, as the Commission proposed, would slow down restructuring. We argue that while increased contestability of control is desirable hostile takeovers are a rather blunt instrument for achieving this. The market for corporate control is only one of many corporate governance mechanisms to be honed in order to promote corporate restructuring in Europe. *Acquisition Immovables Through Long-Te Marais* HOOPS 2022-01-14 In this book, which is part of

the book series of the Common Core of European Private Law, reporters consider legal institutions that allow persons who have occupied private or public land of others to acquire that land through mere long-term use.

Preliminary Injunctions: Germany, England/Wales, Italy and France Torsten Frank Koschinka 2015-10-08 Every legal system, at the outset of court proceedings, has rules aimed at safeguarding parties' interests during the time needed to obtain a judgment on the merits. However, as the European Commission put the case in a 1997 communication, 'a comparative survey of national legislation reveals that there are virtually no definitions of provisional/protective measures and that the legal situations vary widely. The only convergence that can be ascertained is between the function of such measures.' Recognizing that after almost twenty years the issues noted by the Commission have not found a satisfactory solution, here at last is a book that collects and

compares the ideas behind the 'preliminary injunction' (an expression the authors use as a general term for a great variety of provisional and precautionary measures) with an eye to defining and organizing this small but very important aspect of the law. Although the analysis touches on relevant measures from many countries, the authors focus on the national legislation in four EU Member States – England, France, Germany, and Italy – to highlight the nature of the differences these kinds of measures entail. They compare and contrast such aspects as the following: - differences in civil procedure; - the types of measures that may be taken; - the terms on which preliminary injunctions, which are normally directly enforceable, may be ordered by a court; - the kind of assets that may be affected; - the relationship between proceedings in an interlocutory action and proceedings on the substance; - necessity of credible evidence that immediate and irreparable injury, loss, or

damage will result if no preliminary injunction is granted; and - the role of protective measures in summary proceedings. The study also describes and examines the recent European order for payment (EC Regulation No. 1896/2006), the most significant existing transnational instrument aimed at granting preliminary protection of creditors' rights. This incomparable book represents a major contribution to a growing debate, particularly in Europe, on ways and means of securing equivalent protection for all litigants. Given the variety of legal systems and of measures available, the debate will have to focus on the functions served by provisional/protective measures, the minimum conditions to be satisfied, the adversary procedure requirement, the enforceability of the measures, and possible redress procedures. There is no more thorough and reliable resource available to clarify these issues for practitioners and interested policymakers everywhere.

Dealing with Dominance Nauta Dutilh (Firm)

2004-01-01 A prohibition of the abuse of dominance is an essential provision in any country's competition law. The purpose of such a prohibition is to protect competition where it is potentially weakened by the presence of dominant market players. If applied immoderately, however, this prohibition is liable to seriously harm competition rather than protect it. In this useful compilation, local practitioners and academics in twelve countries provide a detailed summary and analysis of the application of their countries' law in this area, drawing on the experience of national competition authorities in dealing with market dominance as well as a wide range of legislation, administrative regulations, and case law. Nine EU member states are covered, as are Australia, New Zealand, and the United States. Although contributors were specifically asked not to compare their national provisions with Article 82 EC, the book nevertheless provides useful insight on that article, as well. National "borderline cases", of

the kind described here, help to clarify the application of Article 82 EC, especially considering that the case law on this provision is often controversial. Dealing with Dominance is a useful reference tool for the application of the national counterparts to Article 82 EC in Europe and beyond and answers a basic practical need of both national and international competition law practitioners. This book can also be seen as an especially important contribution to the comparative analysis of an increasingly crucial area of economic law.

Privacy Limitation Clauses Robert van den Hoven van Genderen 2016-12-01 The fundamental right to privacy, in the sense of non-interference by government, is protected by international and national law. Nonetheless, today the laws of privacy are being stretched to their limits and even violated by governments in the name of security. This book, by one of Europe's most trusted authorities on the legal aspects of telecommunications technology, analyses the

use of legal instruments by government agencies to determine if they restrict the fundamental right of privacy and if the grounds to do so are acceptable within a democratic society. Unpacking the complexity of the various factors on each side – privacy and the general interest of safety – the author clearly describes the relevant tensions in the following major areas of current law: – data protection regulations; – regulations on interception and retention of personal data in the telecommunication sector; – anti-money laundering; and – strategies used to protect national security against terrorist activities. The analysis pays detailed attention to the relevant provisions of international and regional conventions, to deliberated principles and guidelines, and to the case law of the European Court of Human Rights and other courts at every level. Legal theories of sovereignty are also taken into account. This is the most thorough treatment available of the grounds and circumstances that state agencies invoke to intrude upon citizens'

rights of privacy and the procedures in place to legitimize these intrusions. Its ultimate contribution – the setting forth of a set of circumstances under which the limitation of privacy should be allowed, including a consideration of what principles and conditions should underpin this policy – will prove of inestimable value to policymakers, government institutions, and practitioners in several fields related to human rights. Robert van den Hoven van Genderen has worked as a legal expert on telecommunications technology, regulation of the Internet, and anti-money laundering measures in both public and private sectors, in addition to legal and academic practice.

Towards a Sustainable European Company Law

Beate Sjøfjell 2009-03-26 No one doubts any longer that sustainable development is a normative imperative. Yet there is unmistakably a great reluctance to acknowledge any legal basis upon which companies are obliged to forgo 'shareholder value' when such a policy clearly

dilutes responsibility for company action in the face of continuing environmental degradation. Here is a book that boldly says: 'Shareholder primacy' is wrong. Such a narrow, short-term focus, the author shows, works against the achievement of the overarching societal goals of European law itself. The core role of EU company and securities law is to promote economic development, notably through the facilitation of market integration, while its contributory role is to further sustainable development through facilitation of the integration of economic and social development and environmental protection. There is a clear legal basis in European law to overturn the poorly substantiated theory of a 'market for corporate control' as a theoretical and ideological basis when enacting company law. With rigorous and persuasive research and analysis, this book demonstrates that: European companies should have legal obligations beyond the maximization of profit for shareholders; human and

environmental interests may and should be engaged with in the realm of company law; and company law has a crucial role in furthering sustainable development. As a test case, the author offers an in-depth analysis of the Takeover Directive, showing that it neither promotes economic development nor furthers the integration of the economic, social and environmental interests that the principle of sustainable development requires. This book goes to the very core of the ongoing debate on the function and future of European company law. Surprisingly, it does not make an argument in favour of changing EU law, but shows that we can take a great leap forward from where we are. For this powerful insight – and the innumerable recognitions that support it – this book is a timely and exciting new resource for lawyers and academics in ‘both camps’: those on the activist side of the issue, and those with company or official policymaking responsibilities.

Cross-Border Mergers Thomas Papadopoulos

2019-09-28 This edited volume focuses on specific, crucially important structural measures that foster corporate change, namely cross-border mergers. Such cross-border transactions play a key role in business reality, economic theory and corporate, financial and capital markets law. Since the adoption of the Cross-border Mergers Directive, these mergers have been regulated by specific legal provisions in EU member states. This book analyzes various aspects of the directive, closely examining this harmonized area of EU company law and critically evaluating cross-border mergers as a method of corporate restructuring in order to gain insights into their fundamental mechanisms. It comprehensively discusses the practicalities of EU harmonization of cross-border mergers, linking it to corporate restructuring in general, while also taking the transposition of the directive into account. Exploring specific angles of the Cross-border Mergers Directive in the light of European and national company law, the book

is divided into three sections: the first section focuses on EU and comparative aspects of the Cross-border Mergers Directive, while the second examines the interaction of the directive with other areas of law (capital markets law, competition law, employment law, tax law, civil procedure). Lastly, the third section describes the various member states' experiences of implementing the Cross-border Mergers Directive.

Adoption of Squeeze-out and Sell-out Rights of Shareholders in Ukraine on the Basis of a Comparison of EU, Germany and USA

Anton Babak 2012 Currently there are debates in Ukraine regarding implementation of squeeze-out and sell-out rights of shareholders. This paper thesis stands for granting these rights to shareholders in Ukraine. Firstly, the research compares EU, Germany and USA regulations of squeeze-out and sell-out rights focusing on regulatory framework, legal thresholds and fair price definition of squeeze-out or sell-out

procedures. Based on the comparative research, this thesis elaborates a squeeze-out and sell-out model for its implementation in Ukraine. This model should adopt the takeover squeeze-out and sell-out rules from the EU Takeover Directive. At the same time, corporate squeeze-out and sell-out should be as well enabled mainly by borrowing provisions from the German legislation. The liberal provisions regarding the legal threshold should be adopted from the U.S. **EU Agricultural Law** Jens Hartig Danielsen 2013-05-01 The European Union's common agricultural policy is without question the most economically significant policy area in EU law, as well as the area in which Union regulation has been implemented most consistently and intensely. This book contends that today, considering this comprehensive regulation of issues that are of prime economic importance – and the rich case law that this EU policy has generated – EU agricultural law cannot be treated as an isolated discipline, but must be seen in the

context of general Union law. The author first deeply explores in an unprecedented way what is meant by the expressions 'agriculture', 'agricultural activity', and 'agricultural producer' found in current EU legislation, and goes on to provide a detailed legal analysis in contexts from Member States to the World Trade Organization. In the course of the presentation he examines the following, among much else: the principle of unified markets or common prices; structural funds for promoting regional agricultural development; encouragement of local strategies based on partnership and experience-sharing networks; environmentally friendly agricultural measures; the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD); whether a person or undertaking produces agricultural products or processes them; food safety measures; animal welfare; agricultural training and research; ensuring a fair standard of living for the agricultural community; interventions

concerning storage or production limitation; State aid schemes; marketing standards; geographical indications; trade with third countries; support for improving the environment and the countryside; payment of aid pursuant to the single payment scheme; and WTO rules on domestic support measures, import duties and restrictions, and exports. As a full-length, in-depth analysis of EU agricultural law, this book has no peers. It is sure to be welcomed not only by legal academics, but by all who are professionally engaged in dealing with issues of Union agricultural law, whether lawyers, professional interest groups, or administrative authorities.

Comparative Takeover Regulation Umakanth Varottil 2017-10-31 Comparative Takeover Regulation compares the laws relating to takeovers in leading Asian economies and relates them to broader global developments. It is ideal for educational institutions that teach corporate law, corporate governance, and mergers and

acquisitions, as well as for law firms, corporate counsel and other practitioners.

Infringement Proceedings in EU Law Luca Prete 2016-04-24 Infringement proceedings constitute a significant proportion of proceedings before the Court of Justice of the European Union and play a key role in the development of EU law. Their immediate purpose is to obtain a declaration that a Member State has, by its conduct, failed to fulfil an obligation under the EU Treaties. The aim is to bring that conduct and its effects to an end and, ultimately, to eliminate infringements across the Union. This book – the first comprehensive and detailed full-length work in English on infringement proceedings under Articles 258-260 TFEU – provides not only an in-depth discussion on the role and function of infringement proceedings within the EU legal order, but also a critical assessment of the procedures as they currently stand, complete with proposals for future changes. Recognizing that Member States’

compliance with EU law is an integral part of the task of ensuring the rule of law throughout the Union, the author thoroughly explains the functioning of infringement proceedings, their requirements and related policies, including issues such as: – the Commission’s discretion to bring a case before the Court; – the author of the infringement, including national courts or private entities; – Member States’ procedural and substantive defences; – the different procedures under Articles 258, 259 and 260(2) and (3) TFEU; – rights of private parties; – interim measures; – financial sanctions; – Member States’ liability; and – the roles played by the European Parliament and the Ombudsman. Particular attention is devoted to rules that have not yet been fully interpreted, or where the current interpretation or application of the rules seems problematic. The book tackles, in particular, whether infringement proceedings, as they stand, constitute an appropriate means of ensuring observance by Member States’

authorities of the EU acquis, and, if not, what reforms should be implemented in order to achieve this in the future. Such a detailed and in-depth examination of this fundamental procedure of EU law will be of great and long-lasting interest to EU and Member State administrators, legal practitioners and academics. Luca Prete is currently a référendaire (Legal Secretary) for Advocate General Wahl at the Court of Justice of the European Union, on secondment from the Legal Service of the European Commission. He is also a member of the Centre for European Law of the Free University of Brussels (VUB). He has published several articles in the field of EU law and is a regular speaker at EU law seminars and conferences.

Journal of World Trade Law 2002-08

Shaping EU Public Procurement Law Albert Sanchez-Graells 2018-09-14 The first part of the book offers a unique reflection on enduring themes in public procurement law such as the shaping of the scope of this regulatory regime,

the development of tighter criteria for the exclusion of candidates and tenderers, the conduct of qualitative selection, the consolidation of the court's previous approach to technical specifications, new developments in tender evaluation, the inclusion of contract performance clauses with a social orientation, and, last but not least, the development of interpretive guidance concerning several aspects of the procurement remedies regime. The book shows that the period 2015–2017 has been an interesting and rather intense period for the development of EU public procurement law, where the CJEU has not only consolidated some parts of its long-standing procurement case law but also introduced significant innovations that can create future challenges for the consistency of this regulatory regime. The first part of the book concludes with some thoughts on some of the salient aspects of this recent episode of silent reform of EU public procurement law through CJEU case law. The second part of the book contains the essential

excerpts of forty-one chronologically ordered judgments issued by the CJEU in the period 2015–2017, which have been selected because they either raise new issues or important matters of public procurement law. Each of the selected judgments is followed by an exhaustive and critical in-depth analysis, highlighting and providing insight into its legal and practical issues and consequences. An exhaustive subject-index offers the reader quick and easy access to the case law treated in this book. This unique book, a ‘must-have’ reference work for judges and courts of all EU Member States and candidate countries and academics and legal professionals who are active in the field of procurement law, will also be valuable for law libraries and law schools across the world and for law students who focus their research and studies on EU law.

Takeover Defenses in Europe Klaus J. Hopt
2015 The European Directive on Takeover Bids of 2004 must be revised on the basis of experience

gained in the five years of its application. On the basis of a legal and economic examination carried out by Marccus Partners and the Centre for European Policy Studies, the European Commission published an Application Report on 26 June 2012 on which the European Parliament in its Resolution of 21 May 2013 responded favorably. This has provoked very controversial economic and policy discussions in various Member States and beyond. This article carries out a comparative, theoretical and policy analysis of European takeover law, incorporating not only the Thirteenth Directive but also path dependent commonalities and differences between takeover law in the Member States as regards the European market for corporate control. The main point of dispute is the prohibition of frustrating action. The idea that the Board only takes account of the interests of the shareholders as regards defensive measures or an improved price (this with reference to the USA) is countered by the fear that the Board will have a serious self-

interest in retaining their jobs and that this could affect their decisions and lead to their entrenchment (the position of the United Kingdom takeover regulation). It is argued that for path dependent reasons in Europe the market for corporate control has a role as a factor of external corporate governance. Takeovers do not only play a role in the allocation of resources with the consequence that capital is directed towards the place where it can be used most efficiently, but may also motivate Board members to perform better on behalf of shareholders (disciplinary mechanism). Even though there have been the improvements in (internal) corporate governance in recent decades, through the slowly growing role of institutional investors in the markets and in general meetings of shareholders, the progress has been rather limited. A functioning takeover market may still remain the most effective control mechanism.

**Communications in EU Law : Antitrust
Market Power and Public Interest** Antonio

Bavasso 2003-01-01 Approaching the theme from an antitrust perspective and focusing on telecommunications and television broadcasting, this volume examines how traditional European competition law doctrines and principles can be applied to this converging sector. The application of antitrust rules to the communications sector is often one of the most controversial areas of law and policy. The shift towards a more competition law oriented form of regulation is one of the main principles inspiring the recent reform of European sectorial regulation enshrined in the 2002 Electronic Communication Package. The Package was adopted in 2002 and is in the process of being implemented throughout the Union. This monograph provides a detailed description of the new regulatory package and highlights the interplay between regulatory provisions and EC competition law. It then follows the pattern of a typical antitrust analysis containing chapters on the definition of relevant market in the sector and various forms of abuses of market power.

The book also critically examines the Commission's practice and policy in the field of merger control and considers its relationship with wider regulatory policies. Finally it analyses the sector from the perspective of the 'European' public interest and the changed nature of communications as a public service.

Takeovers and the European Legal

Framework Jonathan Mukwiri 2009-05-07 Since the implementation of the European Directive on Takeover Bids, a European common legal framework governs regulation of takeovers in EU Members States. The European Directive on Takeover Bids was adopted in April 2004, and implemented in the UK and in other Member States on 20th May 2006. The Directive seeks to regulate takeovers by way of protecting investors, and harmonising takeover laws in Europe. In facilitating the restructuring of companies through takeovers, the Directive aims at reinforcing the free movement of capital. Takeovers and the European Legal Framework

studies the European Community Directive on Takeover Bids, in order to provide greater understanding of both the impact and effect of the European legal framework of takeover regulation. It firstly looks at the Directive from a British perspective, focusing on the impact of the transposition of the Takeover Directive into the UK. The book examines the provisions of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers, and discusses the takeover provisions in the Companies Act 2006 that implement the Takeover Directive in the UK, arguing that the Directive will provide a new basis for UK takeover regulation, and that the system will work well. Jonathan Mukwiri goes on to consider the Directive in relation to the EU, arguing that despite its deficiencies, in that Member States are free to opt to restrict takeovers, the Directive provides a useful legal framework by which takeovers are regulated in different jurisdictions. Mukwiri highlights how the freedoms of the EC Treaty and EU Directives interact, and the effects of the Takeover

Directive on political considerations in the law-making process in European Community. Moreover, he argues that the future of EU takeover regulation is likely to follow the lead of the UK, making this book relevant to a wide range of policy makers and academics across Europe.

The Road Towards the Harmonisation of Trade Secrets Law in the European Union Paul L.C. Torremans 2016 Trade secrets have traditionally been protected in various ways by national laws in the European Union. The international intellectual property treaties offered only a limited common core. From this starting point this article examines the new EU draft directive on trade secrets. The aim is not to put in place a comprehensive EU regime for the protection of trade secrets. There will only be a partial harmonisation of the national laws of the Member States, focussing on the unlawful acquisition, disclosure and use of trade secrets, and that harmonization will be of a minimalist nature in

the sense that Member States may provide, in compliance with the provisions of the Treaty, for more far-reaching protection against the unlawful acquisition, use or disclosure of trade secrets than that required in the Directive.

The goals and scope of European merger regulation. Acquisition of minority shareholderships Ziya Baghirzade 2014-08-06 Academic Paper from the year 2014 in the subject Business economics - Law, grade: 2.0, Free University of Berlin, course: Master degree, language: English, abstract: The Merger Regulation as it stands only applies to transactions resulting in a lasting change of control. Economic theory and the Commission's experience suggest that non-controlling minority shareholdings may also in certain instances cause anticompetitive harm. The financial incentives and the influence on the target resulting from such minority stakes can raise competition concerns based on the same theories of harm as pursued under merger rules,

namely unilateral or coordinated effects or input foreclosure. Unlike other competition authorities both inside and outside the EU (such as Germany, the United Kingdom, or the United States) the Commission currently has no opportunity to address such concerns where they are caused only by the acquisition of minority participations. The European Commission is looking forward to review and potentially revise its rules for reviewing minority share acquisitions under EU competition law. The European Commission is considering amending the EUMR to allow it to review certain acquisitions of non-controlling minority shareholdings. Under the current EUMR regime, the Commission can only review the acquisition of a minority shareholding and possibly prohibit it ex ante where it confers control. Control means the possibility of exercising decisive influence on an undertaking on the basis of rights, contracts or any other means (Article 3(2) EUMR). Hence, the acquisition of a minority shareholding does not

fall under the scope of the EUMR and under the Commission's jurisdiction unless it enables the minority shareholder to determine the strategic commercial behavior of the target. While in some instances competition problems caused by non-controlling minority participations might be tackled by the antitrust rules of Article 101 or 102 TFEU, these provisions would not seem to deal with all cases in which non-controlling minority shareholdings may cause competitive harm. In particular Article 101 only applies where there is an agreement between the parties which could be qualified as having the effect of restricting competition.

A Legal and Economic Assessment of European Takeover Regulation Christophe Clerc 2012

"Takeovers are one-off events, altering control and strategy within an organisation. But the chances of becoming the target of a bid, even where remote, daily influence corporate decision-making. Takeover rules are therefore central to company law and the balance of power among

managers, shareholders and stakeholders alike. This study analyses the corporate governance drivers underpinning takeover bid regulations and assesses the implementation of the EU Directive on takeover bids and compares it with the legal framework of nine other major jurisdictions, including the US. It finds that similar rules have different effects depending on company-level and country-level characteristics and considers the use of modular legislation and optional provisions to cater for them. This book is an abridged version, with additional policy suggestions, of the study prepared for the European Commission jointly by CEPS and the law firm Marccus Partners. The legal analysis in this book was conducted by Christophe Clerc, partner with the law firm Pinsent Masons and general manager of the Paris office and Fabrice Demarigny, Chairman of Marccus Partners and Head of Capital Market Activities within the Mazars group. The economic analysis was carried out by Diego Valiante, Research Fellow at CEPS

and its in-house European Capital Markets Institute (ECMI) and by Mirzha de Manuel Aramendía, Researcher at ECMI and CEPS."-- Publisher description.

New Agency Problems, New Legal Rules

Aurelio Gurrea-Martínez 2019 The primary agency problem traditionally existing in the US corporation has been the risk of opportunism of managers vis-à-vis shareholders. By contrast, the primary concern in European corporations has been the risk of opportunism of controlling shareholders vis-à-vis minority shareholders. These divergences in agency problems and the design of corporate law in the US and Europe have been mainly explained or at least justified by the different corporate ownership structures existing in both regions. On the one hand, the US has been traditionally classified as a jurisdiction whose companies usually have dispersed ownership structures with small and diversified shareholders facing collective action problems, asymmetries of information and rational apathy.

On the other hand, Europe has been classified as a region where most companies have controlling shareholders. Therefore, it makes more sense to give more power to the shareholders while paying higher attention to the protection of minority investors. However, the rise of shareholder activism, the reconcentration of share ownership in the hands of institutional investors, and the use of dual-class shares have changed those agency problems traditionally existing in US corporations. Likewise, the development of capital markets, the improvement of corporate governance practices and the rise of shareholder activism are also modifying, to a lesser extent though, the agency problems traditionally existing in European corporations. Therefore, these new agency problems should lead us to rethink European and US corporate law, especially in the context of hostile takeovers where weighted agency problems may arise among corporate actors. On the basis of this exercise, this paper suggests

several reforms that should be implemented in both regions to effectively address the agency problems existing in the European and US corporation of the 21st century.

A Legal Analysis of NGOs and European Civil Society Piotr Staszczuk 2019-06-26

Amid widespread awareness and discussion of “the democratic deficit” and “shrinking civil space,” the role of nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) becomes increasingly important. Yet the precise legal status of such bodies is ill-defined. Here, for the first time, is a thorough commentary and analysis of the position of NGOs and European civil society in the European Union (EU) constitutional system, bringing to the fore existing and desirable means of public participation in EU lawmaking. Recognizing that NGOs have historically been designed to meet the ends of civil society, the analysis focuses on the following topics and issues: means in EU law of advocating for the collective interests of civil society; unofficial means of influencing the EU

institutions; access to documents and the European Citizens' Initiative as means of exerting pressure on EU legislation; relations between the EU institutions and NGOs, including lobbying activities; bringing actions in the common good before courts and other institutions; the special role of NGOs in environmental protection; complaints to the Commission and the European Ombudsman; EU funding for NGOs; and transboundary philanthropy. Drawing on a broad spectrum of sources of law, including CJEU case law and relevant legal literature, the book offers insightful proposals leading to the

democratization of the EU's internal procedures that will allow enhanced cooperation of civil society representatives across national borders. In its thorough examination of legal tools that can respond to the "democratic deficit," this book makes a distinctive contribution to the public debate on the future of the European Union, especially in the context of emerging threats to further integration. It will prove of great value not only to civil activists, academics and policymakers but also to everyone interested in European integration and affordance for social participation.