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Klaus Ilmonen heads our Capital Markets practice in Helsinki. His practice includes equity capital markets and other corporate transactions involving public corporations. He has considerable experience from public takeovers, as well as from cross-border transactions. He also works with governance of public corporations and is active in Hannes Snellman's ESG Group.

Klaus has been appointed professor of practice at the Hanken School of Economics in Helsinki, and teaches corporate and securities law. He has also served on a consultative group for developing EU corporate finance regulation and has participated in drafting Finnish takeover regulation.

Klaus has qualified as an attorney in the State of New York, and practised U.S. securities law in the London office of the law firm Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, where he represented European issuers and underwriters in international securities offerings. He also worked on international M&A transactions.

He has been deployed with Finnish forces in Afghanistan, Kosovo and Lebanon, and serves as the managing director of the Mannerheim-Foundation in Finland.

Klaus has been a visiting researcher at Harvard Law School, he holds a LL.M. degree from Columbia Law School in New York and a doctorate in law from the University of Helsinki.

## REFERENCES

- Counsel to the Prime Minister's Office in the rights offering of Finnair Plc, 2023
- Counsel to Uponor Corporation in the recommended public cash tender offer for all shares in Uponor by Georg Fischer Ltd, 2023
- Counsel to the offeror consortium in the recommended public cash tender offer for all shares in Caverion, 2022
- Finnish counsel to Fortum in the arrangements related to stabilisation of its German subsidiary Uniper SE, 2022
- Counsel to the offeror consortium in the recommended tender offer for Basware Corporation, 2022
- Counsel to Citycon Oyj in its repurchase of 9,500,000 own shares in a reverse accelerated bookbuild, 2021
- Counsel to Valmet in the merger of Valmet and Neles, 2021
- Counsel to Terveystalo on its acquisition of 72 per cent of the shares and recommended mandatory takeover offer for Feelgood Svenska AB, 2021
- Counsel to Tikkurila Oyj in the recommended public cash tender offer for all shares in Tikkurila by PPG Industries, Inc., 2020-2021

# HANNES SNELLMAN

- Counsel to the Prime Minister's Office in the Rights Offering of Finnair Plc, 2020
- Counsel to Verkkokauppa.com Oyj on its listing on the official list of Nasdaq Helsinki, 2020
- Counsel to EVRY in the combination of Tieto and EVRY through a cross-border merger, 2019
- Counsel to Outotec in the combination of Outotec and Metso Minerals through a demerger, 2019
- Counsel to Glaston Corporation in connection with its EUR 34 million rights issue and listing of new shares on Nasdaq Helsinki, 2019
- Counsel to Asiakastiето Group Plc in its acquisition of UC AB in Sweden, 2018
- Counsel to Terveystalo in its IPO and listing on the Nasdaq Helsinki stock exchange, 2017
- Counsel to Asiakastiето Group Plc in its IPO and listing on the Helsinki Stock Exchange, 2015

## RANKINGS

- Ranked in Capital Markets, Chambers Global, 2025
- Recognised as a Market Leader in Capital Markets, IFLR1000, 2024
- Received Defensor Legis' Authors' Award for his 2023 article "Yhtiö muutoksessa – yritysohjauksen politiikkaa" addressing the impact of the evolving political landscape and increased awareness of corporate externalities on corporate governance and corporate law.
- Hall of Fame, Capital Markets, Legal 500, 2024
- Ranked in Capital Markets, Chambers Europe, 2024
- Ranked in Capital Markets, Chambers Global, 2024
- 'Klaus Ilmonen is described as a "very well-respected, skilful and experienced capital markets lawyer."', Capital Markets, Chambers Global 2022
- "Klaus Ilmonen is the brilliant head of the practice", Capital Markets, Legal 500, 2020
- Leading individual, Capital Markets, Legal 500, 2020-2022
- "Clients say he has an 'encyclopedic knowledge of the issues and is very collaborative when working with the other side."', Chambers Europe 2020
- "Impeccable legal knowledge and commercial understanding.", IFLR1000, 2020
- Ranked as a Market leader in Capital Markets in the 2019-2021 editions of IFLR1000
- "Sources say that Klaus Ilmonen is 'responsive, pragmatic and easy to work with. He is also extremely experienced and knowledgeable so he really ticks all the boxes.' One interviewee enthuses: 'Klaus is a clear professional in all aspects: technical knowledge, commercial awareness, effectiveness and client service.'", Chambers Europe 2018
- Ranked among the best lawyers in Capital Markets in the 2015-2021 editions of Chambers Europe
- "Klaus Ilmonen is 'one of the few experienced lawyers in the Finnish IPO market' ", Capital Markets, Legal 500, 2015
- Ranked among the best lawyers in the 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 editions (Helsinki: Capital Markets, Mergers and Acquisitions) of Best Lawyers®

## MEMBERSHIPS AND POSITIONS OF TRUST

- Professor of Practice, Hanken School of Economics
- Member of the expert group on securities regulation of the Finnish Bar Association
- Managing director of the Mannerheim Foundation

## EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Partner, Hannes Snellman, 2007–
- Harvard Law School, Visiting Researcher, 2011–2012

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- Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, London, 1999–2002
- Doctor of Laws, University of Helsinki, 2016
- LL.M. (Stone Scholar), Columbia University, 1999

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