



## Nikee Groot

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### Languages

- Dutch
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### Admitted to bar

- The Netherlands

### Education

- Radboud University Nijmegen: International and European Law
- Université Jean Moulin (Lyon III): Law

### About Nikee Groot

Nikee Groot is an attorney-at-law at AKD and part of the EU and Competition Law team. She specialises in international and European law with a focus on EU procurement law and private enforcement of competition law.

Nikee advises Dutch as well as international clients and litigates both before Dutch courts and the European Court of Justice. Nikee makes sure that the strategy in each case takes into account the relevant commercial or political interests, which is highly valued by her clients .

#### EU procurement law

Nikee has a broad knowledge of the Dutch Procurement Act as well as the Financial Regulation 2018/1046 (EU tenders). Her experience ranges from IT tenders and tenders for the hiring of temporary workers to tenders regarding healthcare. The combination of representing both contracting authorities and tenderers ensures valuable insights in each case Nikee takes on.

#### Private enforcement of competition law

Nikee specialises in representing parties before the Dutch courts in cartel damages cases, with a focus on plaintiff litigation. In these cases, she combines her knowledge of competition law, civil law and procedural law to achieve the best possible results.

### **Recent cases**

She represents Dutch municipalities and companies before the Court of Justice, including Imagina Audiovisual SL over exclusion from tenders issued by the EU institutions. She also acts as a representative of claimants in private damages claims (private enforcement of competition law) before the Amsterdam District Court. In addition, she recently acted for several care providers against the municipality of Rotterdam in a case concerning reasonable remuneration in the healthcare sector and she represented ProRail in injunctive relief proceedings and proceedings on the merits concerning the maintenance of the Dutch railways.

### **Education, activities and memberships**

Nikee studied International and European Law at the Radboud University in Nijmegen. She focused on competition and corporate law. As part of her master's degree, she also studied at the Université Jean Moulin Lyon III in France. Nikee graduated with distinction from the Grotius specialisation course on National and International Contracting in 2021.

In addition to her work as an attorney-at-law, Nikee frequently gives lectures, presentations and in-house courses in the fields of private enforcement of competition law and European and Dutch procurement law, including at the Dutch Professional Education Programme for the Legal Profession (*Beroepsopleiding Advocaten*). Lastly, Nikee publishes regularly in journals such

as JAAN, TAAN and Tijdschrift voor Gezondheidsrecht and she is one of the editors of Gezondheidsrecht Updates (GZR).