

Case number:	Vj-084/2007
Type of case:	Restrictive Agreement
Undertaking(s) concerned:	Békés Megyei Ügyvédi Kamara (Bar Association of Békés County, hereinafter BMÜK)
Short description:	<p>The Hungarian Competition Authority (Gazdasági Versenyhivatal, hereinafter: GVH) initiated a competition supervision proceeding against Békés Megyei Ügyvédi Kamara (Bar Association of Békés County, hereinafter BMÜK) for excessive and discriminatory registration fees.</p> <p>The proceeding aimed to decide whether the above mentioned practice was suitable to restrict competition pursuant to the Hungarian Competition Act and Article 81 of the EC Treaty.</p>
Decision:	<p>The GVH ordered the BMÜK to comply with its commitments to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Determine the amount of the registration fee applicable to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– attorneys, European Community jurists and foreign legal counsels,</li> <li>– those jurists, who pursued their legal practice required to pass the bar examination as an articulated clerk registered by the BMÜK, and</li> <li>– attorneys, who already were members of another regional bar association and wish to switch to BMÜK in HUF 150 000 as effective from 30 November 2009; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) Increase the level of the registration fees at the maximum by the extent by which the amount of the yearly membership fee paid by the attorneys had been increased.</li> </ol>
Date:	14 October 2009