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The 2026 European Legal Industry's Women Rising Stars

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For the sixth consecutive year, Law.com International has selected the most exceptional up-and-coming women across Europe's top-tier legal industry for its list of Rising Stars. As every year, choosing 25 outstanding women under 40 practicing in Europe involved lengthy deliberations and consideration of a variety of factors: the significance and quality of each lawyer's client base, the scope and complexity of her work, and feedback from colleagues and clients. We also take note of the ways in which each lawyer contributes to the profession and to supporting the next generation of leaders.

EUROPE WOMEN RISING STARS 2026



Anthemis Economou
Latham & Watkins – Brussels

Position: Partner, since 2024

Practice Area: Antitrust / Competition

Key clients: Paramount, Thermo

Fisher Scientific, Farfetch, Platinum

Equity, CVC, One Rock Capital,

Apollo, Coca-Cola HBC

Before becoming a lawyer, Anthemis Economou was a professional athlete, competing as a member of the Greek national sailing team. The parallels with legal practice are clear, as her firm, Latham & Watkins, emphasizes her “ability to work as a team, perform under pressure, and be resilient.” As part of Latham’s highly rated antitrust and competition team in Brussels, Anthemis has worked on some of the largest merger control, antitrust, and Foreign Subsidies Regulation cases in recent years. One of her significant mandates from the past year is ongoing: advising Paramount on its \$111 billion bid for Warner Brothers Discovery, where antitrust considerations are pivotal to whether the deal is finalized. Active in Latham life through groups focused on work-life balance for parents, pro bono, and inclusion, she views her team as her strength: “I try to never lose sight of our team’s needs even when I’m very busy. The busier periods are exactly the time when we need to support our colleagues the most.” Family and friends, cooking, and trying new things like skiing and tennis round out her life. Her inspirational role model is Christine Lagarde, former chair of Baker McKenzie and current president of the European Central Bank: “She has shattered glass ceilings across law, government, and global finance, and is devoted to mentoring and giving back.”



Erika Brini Raimondi
Latham & Watkins – Milan

Position: Partner, since 2026

Practice Area: Banking & Finance

Key clients: UniCredit, BNP Paribas,

Nextalia, Investindustrial, Carlyle,

Bending Spoons

Ask Erika Brini Raimondi what she loves about practicing law, and her answer is two-fold: the responsibility and the puzzle. “I love getting to the heart of what the client needs, mapping the options, and helping choose the path that gets them there in the smartest, most practical way.” At Latham & Watkins, Erika is particularly proud of her recent work advising Investindustrial on a major European acquisition. The transaction deepened Latham’s long-standing relationship with the client, one of the few Certified B corporations in private equity. Latham praises Erika’s “innovative mindset and strategic insights, which consistently elevate the team’s work,” and notes that she has been a driving force within the firm on women’s business initiatives, diversity, and recruiting. “I learned early that nothing meaningful is built alone: teamwork, generosity, and sharing credit are non-negotiables for me,” she says. For inspiration, she cites Elizabeth I, who “led with strategic intelligence, discipline, and resilience in a world dominated by men, and did so while protecting her authority and independence. That combination still feels very modern.”