

## Adrian Emch

Partner  
Beijing

### Biography

Adrian Emch began developing his understanding in competition/antitrust law while at university. After graduation, he first worked at the Directorate General for Competition (DG COMP) at the European Commission, and then spent several years in private practice in Brussels focusing on European Union competition law. In July 2008, Adrian made his second move back to China, which was just a month before the country's Anti-Monopoly Law came into force. Since that time, Adrian has had the privilege of witnessing and actively participating in shaping the development of China's nascent antitrust regime.

As a fluent Mandarin speaker and with his experience as lecturer at Peking University, Adrian smoothly navigates business and legal communities from both the West and China. Adrian's experience covers all aspects of competition/antitrust law, including merger control, cartel/abuse of dominance investigations, and antitrust counselling. Multinational companies – based in China and outside – work with Adrian and his team in 'bet the company' matters. For example, Adrian's team worked for IBM in the disposals of both its x86 server business to Lenovo and its semiconductor assets to Global Foundries – both multi-billion USD transactions – in the Chinese merger process.

### Representative experience



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### Languages

English  
French  
Chinese  
German  
Spanish

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### Practices

Antitrust and Competition

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### Industries

Automotive  
Technology and Telecoms  
Life Sciences and Health Care  
Sports, Media and Entertainment

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Advising IBM in two transactions, through which the company sold its x86 server business (to Lenovo) and semiconductor assets (to Global Foundries).

Supporting multinational conglomerate ALSTOM in the €12bn sale of its energy business to General Electric, enabling General Electric to obtain MOFCOM merger clearance.

Advising German chemicals maker BASF with the Chinese merger filing for the company's €3.1bn acquisition of rival Cognis.

With his team in Beijing and Hong Kong, Adrian has been involved in several non-merger investigations by antitrust authorities in Greater China.

Advising one of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies on compliance of its distribution agreements with antitrust rules in Greater China.

Giving advice in cartel proceedings before the European Commission and interviewing key company employees for discovery purposes.

Coordinating analysis of need for foreign investment and national security filings in life sciences merger in 70 jurisdictions worldwide.

## Awards and rankings

- Leading individual (Band 1) in Competition/Antitrust - International Firms (China), *Chambers Asia Pacific*, 2016-2020
- Competition/Antitrust - International Firms (China), *Chambers Global*, 2015-2020
- Competition/Antitrust - International Firms (China), *Chambers Asia Pacific*, 2015-2020
- Competition/Antitrust, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2019
- Competition, *Who's Who Legal*, 2017-2019
- Competition: Future Leaders, *Who's Who Legal*, 2017
- The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers, 2012-2015
- The International Who's Who of Competition Lawyers & Economists, 2012-2015

## Areas of focus

Abuse of Dominance and Restrictive Practices  
Agency Investigations  
Antitrust and Competition Litigation  
Cartel Investigations  
Competition law in Hong Kong  
Hogan Lovells China Desk

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## Education and admissions

### Education

LL.M., Tulane University Law School (Fulbright scholar), 2004  
LL.M., College of Europe, 2001  
LL.B., University San Pablo CEU, Madrid, 2000  
LL.B., University of Bordeaux, 2000

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## Memberships

Editorial Advisory Board of CPI Antitrust Chronicle  
Editorial Board of Competition Law International (IBA Journal)  
Founding member of Swiss Fulbright Alumni Association  
International Board of Advisors, Global Antitrust Institute at George Mason University, Washington D.C.  
Member of faculty, Peking University's Law School  
Non-governmental advisor to International Competition Network

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- ILO Client Choice 2012, *Competition China*, 2012

## Latest thinking and events

- News
  - The revision of the Chinese Anti-Monopoly Law – ‘big bang’ in merger control
- News
  - The revision of the Chinese Anti-Monopoly Law – abuse of dominance, of IPR and of administrative powers
- News
  - The revision of the Chinese Anti-Monopoly Law – to agree or not to agree
- News
  - The revision of the Chinese Anti-Monopoly Law – can you feel the heat?
- News
  - The Buck Stops Here – Contractors Held Fully Liable For Subcontractors In Hong Kong Cartel
- News
  - Chinese antitrust – the big reset

## Bar admissions and qualifications

Spain

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