

Christopher Hutton

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Biography

Praised by clients for his "calm and measured" approach, Christopher Hutton advises clients on all aspects of UK and EU competition law. He represents clients before antitrust authorities in the UK and across Europe, including specialist sectoral regulators.

Christopher has been involved in many leading cases in the UK and Europe. He advises clients on a broad range of contentious antitrust matters, and his contentious practice includes global cartel investigations, regulatory investigations, antitrust damages cases and judicial reviews. He has advised and assisted clients in numerous precedent setting cases before the UK courts, including cases involving the most innovative antitrust litigation strategies.

Another focus of Christopher's practice is helping clients navigate market investigations, sector reviews and market power inquiries. The outcome of such investigations can have a profound impact on businesses. Christopher works closely with clients, including those subject to some of the largest market investigations, to engage with antitrust authorities and safeguard their commercial interests.

Christopher also advises on transactional matters, including mergers and joint venture arrangements. He advises clients on the impact of competition law on



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Languages

English

Practices

Antitrust and Competition

Industries

Aerospace and Defense

Automotive

Financial Institutions

Consumer

Areas of focus

Abuse of Dominance and Restrictive Practices

their commercial arrangements, and on the design and implementation of competition compliance programmes.

Bringing his legal knowledge and commercial understanding to clients' problems, together with his experience within the legal division of the Office of Fair Trading, Christopher helps clients find the best possible outcomes in the most difficult and challenging circumstances.

Representative experience

Advising a large European financial institution on a major global investigation being conducted by antitrust and regulatory agencies, and associated litigation.

Advising an American multinational manufacturer on its defence of cartel damages claims in the English High Court.

Advising clients in various EU Member states in relation to national competition investigations.

Acting for a major international bank in relation to various investigations relating to LIBOR, FOREX and other financial products.

Representing an industry association in relation to the Financial Conduct Authority's credit card market study.

Advising Stansted Airport in relation to the Civil Aviation Authority's market power assessment.

Representing Ernst & Young in relation to a market investigation into the supply of audit services to large companies.

Advising a number of international groups in relation to a 'follow-on' damages claim brought in the English High Court.

Representing a leading retailer in relation to the OFT's Tobacco investigations and subsequent appeals to the Competition Appeal Tribunal.

Representing a leading retailer in relation to the OFT's Dairy investigations, including judicial review and defamation actions against the OFT.

Agency Investigations
Antitrust and Competition Litigation
Competition Compliance
Dawn Raids
Merger Control
Cartel Investigations
Leniency Applications
Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology
Retail and Consumer Goods

Education and admissions

Education

M.A., University of Cambridge
Postgraduate Diploma in European Law, King's College London

Memberships

Competition Law Association
Competition Law Forum
Competition Litigation Network
Law Society Competition Section
Law Society of England and Wales
United Kingdom Association for European Law

Bar admissions and qualifications

Solicitor, Republic of Ireland
Solicitor, England and Wales

Acting for a leading UK bank in an intervention in the General Court in Luxembourg.

Awards and rankings

- Awards and rankings Competition Litigation, Recommended, *Legal 500 UK*, 2020
- Competition, *Who's Who Legal*, 2019
- Acritas Star, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated Lawyers*, 2018-2020

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - National Security and Investment Act: first Annual Report published
- News
 - UK's Vertical Agreement Block Exemption Order goes live - heralding a new age of vertical divergence?
- News
 - UK competition reforms: new CMA powers confirmed
- News
 - UK Utilities regulation: a brave new world?
- News
 - Card-acquiring services: PSR's remedies proposals aim to trigger merchant engagement
- News
 - (Solo self-employed) Workers of the World Unite!
 - EC draft guidance on application of competition law to collective bargaining