

## Ciara Kennedy-Loest

Partner  
London

### Biography

Whether you are looking for someone to help you coordinate a global merger, fight your corner in a procurement dispute or help you make sense of the State aid rules, Ciara can assist. The regulatory insights and contacts she has with anti-trust agencies from splitting her twenty years with the firm between our London and Brussels offices can make all the difference when it comes to getting your mergers through.

Her punchy and pragmatic style has also made her a household name in the field of public procurement where she has secured great results for clients in the UK courts and also the European Courts in Luxembourg where she has a 100% success rate.

### Representative experience

Acting for ALSTOM on the merger aspects of General Electric's \$12.3bn acquisition of ALSTOM's energy business.

Acting for IBM on the EU merger control aspects of the sale of its \$2.3bn x86 server business to Lenovo.

Advising IBM on the merger control aspects of its US\$1.5bn sale of its microelectronics business to GlobalFoundries.

Advising Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and Hitachi on the EU merger control aspects of the integration of their thermal power generation operations.



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### Languages

English  
Italian  
French

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### Practices

Antitrust and Competition  
Public Procurement  
Sovereigns

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### Industries

Aerospace and Defense  
Automotive  
Energy and Natural Resources

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### Areas of focus

Acting for ALSTOM in the UK court public procurement challenge to Eurostar's award to Siemens of a £600m contract for the Channel Tunnel rolling stock.

Successfully defending Fusion for Energy on two procurement challenges at the General Court in relation to the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor project.

Successfully defending Europol, the European Police Office, in two procurement challenges brought before the General Court of the EU by an unsuccessful bidder.

Advising the Hellenic Republic Development Fund on the State aid aspects of the proposed privatisation of the Greek Railways.

## Awards and rankings

- Global Elite Thought Leader, Government Contracts, *Who's Who Legal*, 2021
- Competition Law (UK), Foreign expert for Belgium, *Chambers Global*, 2018-2019

## Latest thinking and events

- News
  - Blocked: UK Government uses new powers to block deal raising national security concerns
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- 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
- ■ Managing risks when procuring outsourced IT project contracts webinar

Competition Compliance

Merger Control

State Aid and Subsidy Control

Sovereigns: Regulatory

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## Education and admissions

### Education

Post-diploma studies on Competition Law, King's College London, 1996

The College of Law, Chester, 1992

LL.B., University of Cambridge, Trinity Hall, 1991

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## Memberships

Member of the Steering Committee of the Procurement Lawyers Association

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

Solicitor, England and Wales

Solicitor, Republic of Ireland

Brussels

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