

Antitrust and Competition

Stay on the right side of the competition laws. Whether you're a multinational corporation or a growing business looking to expand overseas, keeping up with competition laws can be complex and time-consuming.

And as the rules keep changing, companies face new challenges and risks because competition laws are constantly evolving. There's heightened scrutiny on everyone, and the consequences of not following the rules get more extreme all the time.

Get it wrong, and you could face financial penalties, criminal liability, litigation, difficulty-closing deals, and damage to your reputation. We can help you anticipate and deal with these risks before they become problems.

Be ready

With a team of 135 lawyers in 17 countries, we can help you tackle multinational mergers and joint ventures; cartel, abuse of dominance, and restrictive practice cases; and other investigations. We'll represent you in litigation, advise you on international legislation, and make sure you know how new policies could affect your business. And we're extremely familiar with European Union State aid, public procurement, and UK Subsidy Control. Our antitrust, competition, and economic regulation practice offers practical support and advice, from compliance audits and online courses in compliance and dawn raid preparation, to mock dawn raids.

We know, because we've been there

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Areas of focus

Abuse of Dominance and
Restrictive Practices

Agency Investigations

Antitrust and Competition
Litigation

Cartel Investigations

Competition Compliance

Dawn Raids

Leniency Applications

Merger Control

State Aid and Subsidy Control

Hospitals and Health Care
Providers

State Attorneys General

We don't just know the government agencies and authorities you'll have to deal with — we've been part of them. Our lawyers have worked at the European Commission, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, and the UK competition authority.

And we've been called a leader in the field by *Global Competition Review*, *PLC Which Lawyer?*, *Chambers and Partners*, and *The Legal 500*.

Representative experience

Serving as U.S. and EU antitrust counsel to SABMiller in its US\$106bn deal with AB InBev.

Served as global antitrust counsel to ALSTOM in the sale of its power businesses to GE for €12.4bn and its €700m acquisition of GE's transportation signaling business.

Representing MHI in a cartel investigation involving the Japanese, U.S., European, Mexican, and Korean authorities and related private damages claims.

Advised IBM on the successful global antitrust review in the US\$1.5bn acquisition of its microelectronics business by GlobalFoundries.

Acting for DFDS in successfully opposing Eurotunnel's acquisition of SeaFrance ferry business, one of the most high-profile and controversial merger cases in the UK and France.

Advised MHI on its entry into a US\$2bn global JV between Mitsubishi-Hitachi Metals Machinery, Inc., and Siemens, in the field of metals machinery technology.

Representing Fiat and Chrysler in proceedings by the Spanish Competition Commission involving an alleged information-sharing cartel among automobile manufacturers/distributors.

Represented Air Canada on its successful appeal of the EU Commission's air cargo cartel decision and in damages litigation in the U.S., UK, Germany, and The

Netherlands.

Representing a defendant company in the German beer cartel investigation in which the Federal Cartel Office fined the targets €340m.

Representing container shipping giant Maersk Line in the European Commission's investigation into price signalling in the container shipping sector.

Represented Orbital in the Second Request investigation by the DOJ Antitrust Division in its US\$4.5bn merger with ATK.

Defending more than a dozen BCBS health plans in a multidistrict antitrust litigation brought by separate putative classes of both health-insurance purchasers and healthcare providers.

Representing Daimler Trucks North America in its successful defense of two class actions alleging a conspiracy between the major manufacturers of heavy duty trucks and Eaton.

Representing Credit Suisse in multidistrict antitrust litigation.

Successfully advised IBM on the US\$2.3bn sale of its x86 server business to Lenovo.

Serving as global antitrust counsel to ARRIS in its US\$2.1bn acquisition of Pace

Advised ZTE in a landmark case decided by the ECJ resolving critical issues involving the relationship between competition law and standard essential patents (SEPs).

Advised a major automotive manufacturer in recovering US\$100m from a cartel among polyurethane foam manufacturers.

Awards and rankings

- Recognized as a Top Antitrust & Competition Practice in GCR 100 Global Elite, *Global Competition Review*, 2024
- Tier 1 for Cartels, *The Legal 500 USA*, 2023

- 32 lawyers recognized in Who's Who Legal: Competition 2023, *Who's Who Legal*, 2023
- Tier 1 for Competition & Antitrust in Mexico, *The Legal 500 Latin America*, 2023
- Practice Group of the Year, *Law360*, 2023
- Recognized as a Top Antitrust & Competition Practice in GCR 100 Global Elite, *Global Competition Review*, 2023
- Practice Group of the Year, *Law360*, 2022
- Recognized as a Top Antitrust & Competition Practice in GCR 100 Global elite, *Global Competition Review*, 2022
- Recognized as a Top 10 Antitrust & Competition Practice in GCR 100 Global Elite, *Global Competition Review*, 2021
- Ranked a top ten firm in the GCR 100 Global Elite Antitrust and Competition Practices, *Global Competition Review*, 2020
- Ranked a top four firm in GCR 100 Global Elite Antitrust and Competition Practices, *Global Competition Review*, 2019
- Named Among the Top Global Elite Antitrust and Competition Practices, *Global Competition Review*, 2018
- Winner of Litigation of the Year – Cartel Defence, *GCR Awards*, 2018
- Antitrust & Competition practice highly recognized by *Chambers Global*, *USA*, *Europe*, and *Asia*, and *The Legal 500 US* and *EMEA*, 2018
- Tier 1 for Competition Litigation, *The Legal 500 UK*, 2018
- Band 1 for Competition/Antitrust in Mexico, *Chambers Latin America*, 2018
- Tier 1 for Competition/Antitrust in Mexico, *The Legal 500 Latin America*, 2018
- 26 Lawyers Ranked by The International Who's Who of Competition Lawyers, 2018
- Contentious Antitrust Award (Italy),

Legalcommunity Corporate M&A Awards, 2017

- Winner, Business: Cross Borders, "Extradition & Antitrust: Cautionary Tales for Global Cartel Compliance", *Antitrust Writing Awards, 2017*
- Winner of Matter of the Year and Lawyer of the Year – Under 40, *GCR Awards, 2017*
- Tier 1 for Competition Litigation, *The Legal 500 UK, 2016*
- German Antitrust Practice of the Year, *JUVE Awards, 2016*
- Winner of Matter of the Year, Merger Control Matter of the Year – Europe, Litigation of the Year: Non-cartel defence, *GCR Awards, 2016*
- Sabrina Borocci, Rachel Brandenburger, Suyong Kim, Lesley Morphet, & Jan McDavid, *GCR Women in Antitrust, 2016*
- Leigh Oliver and Robby Robertson Named Antitrust Trailblazers, *National Law Journal, 2016*
- Logan Breed and Katie Hellings named Antitrust Trailblazers, *GCR's 40 under 40, 2015*
- Jan McDavid, Top 100 Outstanding Women, *National Law Journal, 2015*

Latest thinking and events

Press releases

Hogan Lovells advises AMG Critical Materials N.V. on the repurchase of a 40% stake in its subsidiary Graphit Kropfmühl GmbH

Hogan Lovells Events

ACER Quarterly Webinar Antitrust Under Trump 20

News

No value in the future? The twists and turns of Germany's transaction value threshold

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European Commission Launches Consultation on FSR Guidelines

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Not a paper tiger – first criminal conviction for non-compliance with Hong Kong Competition Commission's investigation powers

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Court of Appeal's decision enables Trucks class action to proceed in the Competition Appeal Tribunal