

UK Regulatory | Competition and antitrust

In a global regulatory environment, we offer timely and practical advice. We have long been recognized as a market leader in UK and EU competition law - and are an integral part of one of the largest global regulatory and competition practices. We embed ourselves at the heart of our clients' commercial strategies, working closely with senior management. We provide prompt and focused counselling and advice on current and proposed commercial practices and agreements, which is a critical part of risk management for our clients.

Examples of our UK experience

- Advising FTSE 250 listed client Shaftesbury PLC in its recommended all-share merger with fellow FTSE 250 listed Capital & Counties Properties PLC (Capco).
- Represented Vodafone in its defence of claims, by the administrators of Phones4U, that Vodafone had colluded with the other mobile networks in the UK to put Phones4U out of business.
- Advising Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) on a range of subsidy control and public law issues arising from the administration of Bulb and, in partnership with the Government Legal Department, marshalled BEIS's successful defence to judicial review claims that the Secretary of State's decision to approve the transfer of Bulb's business to Octopus was unlawful.
- Advising LSE-listed Clipper Logistics plc on its recommended £1bn takeover by NYSE-listed GXO Logistics, Inc.
- Advising Ofgem to secure a victory in its successful defence before the CMA of multiple appeals against its recent RIIO-2 price control decisions for the UK's national transmission networks and regional gas distribution networks.
- Infracapital on the merger control and FDI considerations arising from its additional investment and the introduction of KKR as a strategic co-investor in Zenobē Energy Limited
- Advising a water company in connection with Ofwat's 2024 Price Review (PR24).
- Representing On the Beach in its high-profile abuse of dominance claim against Ryanair.
- Working with a large food and beverage company to build a tool that determines if the rebate structures it may have in place with retailers are in fact permissible under competition law.
- Advising an software development company on the application of the new National Security and Investment Act in relation to several transactions and corporate reorganisations.
- Defending a cryptocurrency exchange, against an industry first class action filed on behalf of the UK investors in Bitcoin.
- Advising a high-end real estate developer on a complex matter at the intersection of competition and real estate law.

“ Clients say ...

“I can say that the team has been very impressive.”
Chambers UK, 2024

“They are commercially pragmatic, very available and the quality of advice they provide is great.”
Legal 500, 2024

Accolades

Highly recognized by *Chambers UK* and *Legal 500 UK, 2024*

Top ranked firm, *GCR Global Elite, 2024*

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