

## 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



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### Languages

English

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### Practices

Antitrust and Competition

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### Industries

Aerospace and Defense

Automotive

Financial Institutions

Consumer

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advises clients on the impact of competition law on 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

## Areas of focus

Abuse of Dominance and Restrictive Practices

Agency Investigations

Antitrust and Competition Litigation

Competition Compliance

Dawn Raids

Merger Control

Cartel Investigations

Leniency Applications

Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology

Retail and Consumer Goods

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## Education and admissions

### Education

M.A., University of Cambridge

Postgraduate Diploma in European Law, King's College London

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## 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

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## Bar admissions and

Competition Appeal Tribunal.

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

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

- Insights
  - Strengthening the defences: the new UK national security investment screening regime
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells launches HL BaSE Legal Learning Hub
- Insights
  - UK merger control: Public health emergencies and foreign takeover scrutiny
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Better together – How far can competitors go under UK competition law in cooperating to deal with the challenges of the COVID-19 crisis?
- Insights
  - Card acquiring services: UK Payment Systems Regulator launches its market review
- Blog Post
  - New EU rules for foreign direct investment screening: One step closer to adoption and entry into force

## qualifications

Solicitor, England and Wales

Solicitor, Republic of Ireland

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