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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.



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Languages

English

Italian

French

Practices

Antitrust and Competition

Public Procurement

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

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

- Competition Law (UK), Foreign expert for Belgium, *Chambers Global*, 2018-2019

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Antitrust, competition, and economic regulation quarterly newsletter - Spring 2020
- Webinar
 - How to effectively do business with UK government
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - 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?
- Press Releases

Industries

Aerospace and Defense
Automotive
Energy and Natural Resources

Areas of focus

Competition Compliance
Merger Control
State Aid

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

Memberships

Member of the Steering Committee
of the Procurement Lawyers
Association

Bar admissions and qualifications

Solicitor, England and Wales
Solicitor, Republic of Ireland

- Hogan Lovells advises on the project for the new £1.2bn Met Office supercomputer
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells Advises IBM In Acquisition of Red Hat, Inc.

Accolades

“an impressive speaker who combines sound business sense with an in-depth knowledge of public procurement”

Chambers UK 2009

'brilliant in public procurement files'

Chambers Global 2010

'responsive, concise and precise, and provides really clear direction on what can be quite complex queries'

Chambers UK 2014
