

Competition & Antitrust

Our internationally recognised team has been centrally involved in establishing new precedent in Irish competition law. The commercial needs of our clients in this complex area demands sophisticated, tailored advice.

Increased regulation, EU mandates and standard harmonization creates an additional burden for businesses. Our focus is to identify and minimise this impact for our clients. We have acted in a number of the most recent in-depth Phase II investigations by the Irish Competition and Consumer Protection Commission.

We regularly advise Government, first movers and entrants on creating new markets in energy, broadcasting and telecoms.

Our Expertise

- Merger notifications under the Irish Competition Acts 2002-2014
- EU merger notifications
- Cartel investigations and immunity and leniency applications
- Competition compliance programmes and dawn raids
- Joint ventures and strategic alliances
- State aid



Our Experience

Recent representative highlights include:

- Advising Virgin Media, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Liberty Global, on its acquisition of UTV Ireland from ITV plc
- Advising Valero Energy in connection with the proposed acquisition by Topaz of Esso Ireland (Phase II)
- Advising McKesson in connection with its acquisition of the pharmaceutical distribution business of Irish FTSE 250 company, UDG Healthcare

About Us

We are a business law firm with 90 partners and offices in Dublin, London, New York and San Francisco.

Our legal services are grounded in deep expertise and informed by practical experience. We tailor our advice to our clients' business and strategic objectives, giving them clear recommendations. This allows clients to make good, informed decisions and to anticipate and successfully navigate even the most complex matters.

Our service is award-winning and innovative. This approach is how we make a valuable and practical contribution to each client's objectives.

What Others Say About Us

Our Competition & Antitrust Team



"Very responsive and pragmatic, with a good understanding of international business needs"

Chambers & Partners, 2019

Recent Awards



Our Team



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