

# COMPETITION, REGULATION AND TRADE

NAVIGATING A DYNAMIC ENVIRONMENT OF EVOLVING REGULATION AND GLOBAL ENFORCEMENT

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Competition and antitrust laws are constantly evolving – increasing in complexity (both at national and supranational levels) with private enforcement also rising significantly in recent years. Similarly, regulation is ever-increasing and ever-more complex, whether adopted at the national, supranational or international level. Our team is at the forefront of these developments, and ideally placed to navigate the legal challenges that arise in this constantly evolving area.

Our in-depth knowledge of regulators, courts, policymakers and their workings from former secondees, officials and judges means we are well-equipped to deliver clear, pragmatic and bespoke advice to our clients, helping them to achieve their strategic objectives.

We advise many of the world's blue chip organisations in a wide range of industries across the full spectrum of competition, regulation and trade-related issues.

The global nature of many our clients' businesses is complemented by our international footprint and cross-border capability. Across our global network spanning 19 jurisdictions, we can provide a comprehensive and integrated cross-border service to our local and international clients.

Our team is further supported by the services of our Belfast office, which utilises advanced technological and business processes to provide unique and cost-effective solutions to meet sophisticated client needs in the areas of large-scale document review exercises and due diligence.

# RECENT EXPERIENCE

## **GAZPROM NEFT**

Advising in two cases before the EU General Court challenging EU trade and financial sanctions

## **THE BAZALGETTE CONSORTIUM (ALLIANZ CAPITAL PARTNERS, DALMORE CAPITAL, AMBER INFRASTRUCTURE AND DIF)**

Advising on regulatory, State aid and procurement aspects of its successful bid for the Thames Tideway Tunnel project

## **VISA INTERNATIONAL**

Advising on the investigation by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission into alleged misuse of market power and associated litigation in the Federal Court

## **PILKINGTON**

Advising on its appeal to the European Court of Justice of the European Commission's car glass cartel decision, together with its appeal to the European General Court in respect of the confidentiality of that decision, as well as defending a series of follow-on damages actions

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## TELEFÓNICA

Advising on the European Commission's Phase II investigation into the £10.25 billion sale of its UK mobile business (O2) to Hutchison Whampoa (the owner of Three in the UK)

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## SKY

Advising on an array of competition issues, including the acquisition of control over Sky Italia and Sky Deutschland, the European Commission's investigation into cross-border pay TV movie rights, and regulatory litigation in the UK Competition Appeal Tribunal and appellate courts

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