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Howard specialises in competition and antitrust law, and has an in-depth knowledge of Asian and EU regimes.

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## BACKGROUND

Howard obtained his LLB degree at the University of Warwick and an LLM in International Commercial Law at University College London, and has previously worked in firm's competition team in London prior to joining the team in Hong Kong. Howard is a native English and Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese) speaker.

## KEY SERVICES

Competition, Regulation and Trade  
Mergers & Acquisitions

## KEY SECTORS

Energy  
Infrastructure

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## EXPERIENCE

Howard is experienced in the full spectrum of competition law, including anticompetitive agreements, abuse of dominance, and merger control. He frequently advises on complex issues arising in cross-border transactions, joint venture structures, and other forms of cooperation arrangements.

Howard is familiar with competition law regimes across Asia (including Hong Kong, Mainland China, and South East Asian jurisdictions such as Singapore and Indonesia), as well as the EU and UK. He has worked for clients across many different industries, with a particular focus on the energy and infrastructure, banking, and TMT sectors.

Howard's experience includes advising:

- Diageo plc on the merger control aspects of the formation of a joint venture with Jiangsu Yanghe Distillery Co Ltd in the PRC for the creation of a new-to-market whisky in China
- I Squared Capital on the merger control aspects of its US\$1.9 billion acquisition of Hong Kong fixed-line telecommunications provider Hutchison Global Communications
- Yancoal and Yankuang on the merger control aspects of its AU\$3.2 billion acquisition of Rio Tinto's Hunter Valley coal mines and the subsequent acquisition by Glencore of 49% of part of the target acquired
- ANTA Sports Products Limited on the merger control aspects of its US\$80 million joint venture with Kolon Corporation and Kolon Industries
- a confidential global energy company on an internal investigation into potentially anti-competitive practices in Asia, including price fixing and resale price maintenance