

# EU LAW AND LITIGATION

## MULTI-SECTOR KNOWLEDGE AND IN-DEPTH UNDERSTANDING OF EU INSTITUTIONS AND LITIGATION

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The EU is at the origin of an ever-increasing amount of complex regulation. EU laws are constantly evolving and must be implemented and enforced by European and national administrations, often raising challenging legal questions.

Many of our team members have over 20 years' experience in proceedings before the European Commission and the European courts and have also worked in the EU institutions (at the Commission, the Council and the Court of Justice). Collectively, the team has been involved in hundreds of cases before the European courts whether it be as claimant, defendant or judge. This makes our team one of the most skilled in Brussels – and the EU more widely – to guide clients through the EU's increasingly complex regulatory framework.

Our EU law specialists advise across a broad range of EU regulatory rules, including those pertaining to consumer goods, chemicals, food, energy, financial services, TMT, and public procurement. We guide clients in their engagement with regulators and legislators in relation to EU and national proposals, including drafting submissions in response to public consultation processes and regulatory assessments. We also assist clients in complex legislative interpretation.

We help our clients manage and shape their regulatory environment to ensure that they are well-placed to take commercial advantage of growth opportunities while complying with industry-specific regulation.

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## RECENT EXPERIENCE

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## **AQUIND LIMITED**

Advising in connection with obtaining EU regulatory approvals and exemptions for the construction and operation of a direct electricity interconnector between the UK and France, and in bringing several cases before the General Court and the CJEU in this respect

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## **BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO**

Acted for our client in challenging the validity of the EU's Second Tobacco Products Directive – the case raised legally novel and politically sensitive questions concerning the balance of powers between the EU and its Member State

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## **A LEADING ONLINE PLATFORM**

Advising on its compliance with the EU Market Surveillance Regulation ("MSR")

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## **A NUMBER OF CONSUMER PRODUCTS COMPANIES**

Advising in connection with novel and complex questions concerning import requirements in the areas of food and consumer goods

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## **BRITISH AGGREGATES ASSOCIATION**

Acted for our client in its successful appeals of European Commission State aid decisions relating to the UK's aggregates levy, an environmental tax which affects hundreds of quarries across the UK - the judgments handed down during this litigation are regarded as the landmark judgments in relation to the assessment of State aid in the case of sectoral environmental levies and represent the starting point for any legal analysis in this area

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## **A NUMBER OF EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS AFFECTED BY BREXIT**

Advising on the impact of Brexit on the regulatory aspects of their trade with the EU

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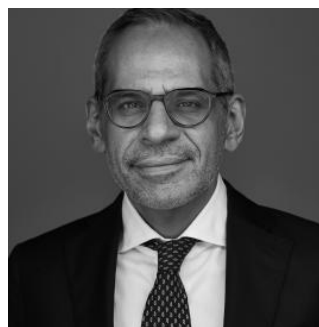
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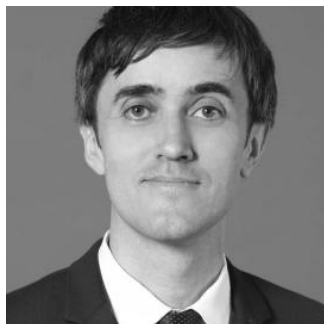
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