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Antitrust and Competition
Antitrust Litigation and Enforcement
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Christine's practice involves advising clients on the global merger control and foreign investment implications of proposed transactions, with a particular focus on obtaining clearances before the UK and European Union authorities. Christine also has extensive experience advising clients on antitrust compliance, notably in respect of distribution and licensing arrangements, as well as on cartel investigations.

In light of Christine's experience in antitrust and foreign investment matters, she was recognised in the EU and competition category of The Legal 500 UK (2021). Christine is a member of several committees, including acting as vice chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) Antitrust Law Section Committee on Foreign Investment and National Security and a member of the UK government's expert panel on the UK national security and investment screening regime.

Christine's representative matters include advising:

- Perceptive Advisors, a healthcare investment firm, on its definitive merger agreement with Vapotherm
- Carmot Therapeutics, a biotechnology company, on its \$2.7 billion acquisition by Roche
- Nuvolo, a world leader in modern, cloud-based connected workplace solutions, on its definitive agreement to be acquired by Trane Technologies, a global climate innovator
- Insurance Auto Auctions (IAA), a global digital marketplace connecting vehicle buyers and sellers, on its agreement to sell to Ritchie Bros. for approximately \$7.3 billion
- Amryt Pharma, an Ireland-based biopharmaceutical company, on its \$1.48 billion sale to Chiesi Farmaceutici
- Horizon Therapeutics, a specialty biopharmaceutical company, on its agreement to be acquired by Amgen for approximately \$28 billion
- Cincor Pharma, a biopharmaceutical company, on its agreement to be acquired by AstraZeneca for approximately \$1.8 billion
- Arena Pharmaceuticals, a clinical-stage company developing innovative potential therapies for the treatment of several immuno-inflammatory diseases, on its definitive agreement to sell to Pfizer for \$6.7 billion
- Curv, a leading provider of cloud-based infrastructure for cryptocurrency security, on its agreement to sell to PayPal
- Brandwatch, a global leader in digital consumer intelligence and social media listening, on its agreement to sell to Cision, a public relations, marketing and social media management technology company, for \$450

million

- Tableau on its agreement to sell to Salesforce in a \$15.7 billion all-stock transaction
- Looker on its sale to Google in an approximately \$2.6 billion all-cash transaction
- An investment consultancy firm in response to the UK Financial Conduct Authority's asset management market study and subsequent market investigation by the UK Competition and Markets Authority (CMA)
- A subsidiary of a supermajor on its competition law pleadings before the High Court in relation to the termination of a suite of agreements relating to the production and transportation of gas from offshore fields to the UK National Transmission System
- A leading pharmaceutical manufacturer in a European Commission investigation into the supply of medicines
- A large telecommunications operator on an appeal before the UK Competition Appeal Tribunal in relation to fair access to infrastructure and margin squeeze claims
- Various companies on merger control filings before the European Commission and the CMA

Education

King's College London

Postgraduate Diploma, EU Competition Law,

BPP University Law School

Legal Practice Course (LPC),

Queen's University Belfast

LLB, Law with Hispanic Studies,

Admissions & Credentials

England and Wales

Brussels, Belgium

Rankings & Accolades

The Legal 500 UK: EU and Competition

Who's Who Legal: Foreign Investment Control

Memberships & Affiliations

American Bar Association (ABA) Antitrust Law Section Committee on Foreign Investment and National Security – Vice chair

Competition Law Association

Law Society Competition Section