

BRICK COURT CHAMBERS

BARRISTERS



*Brick Court in
Brussels*

ABOUT US

Brick Court Chambers is one of the leading sets of barristers' chambers in the UK. There are 87 members who practise full-time, including 40 QCs, and a number of highly respected door tenants. Chambers specialises in Commercial, EU/Competition and Public Law, with a strong reputation in all areas.

Work in Brussels

Barristers from Brick Court appear regularly in the courts of the European Union, including in challenges to Commission Decisions and preliminary reference procedures. We have extensive experience of being instructed both by private parties and by the Commission itself.

In the anti-trust context, barristers are often instructed during the course of the Commission's investigation, to work with a team of lawyers supporting the potential addressee of the Decision. Detailed knowledge of the facts enables us to assist in any appeals to the General Court/Court of Justice, and also in any private damages claims that may follow.

A number of Members of Chambers (identified on pages 8-9) have qualified in Ireland and been called to the Irish Bar, in order to preserve their rights of audience in the Courts of the EU post-Brexit, and also in order to deal with the potential loss of privilege in advice given by UK-only qualified lawyers.

One of Chambers' door tenants is based in Brussels. EU Law practitioners appear in the full range of English courts and tribunals, before the Competition and Markets Authority and Competition Appeals Tribunal, as well as in the Court of Justice and General Court in Luxembourg. Members of Chambers also appear in the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg and in a wide range of other international courts and arbitral tribunals. Our EU law expertise includes EU constitutional law, competition, state aid, public procurement and sanctions.

Our combined expertise in EU, public/constitutional law and commercial law equips us particularly well to negotiate the legal issues thrown up by Brexit.

ANTI-TRUST/ COMPETITION LAW

Barristers at Brick Court Chambers have been at the forefront of anti-trust litigation for decades. Brick Court Chambers has been described as a “standout set” that enjoys “one of the strongest and most impressive competition offerings at the Bar”. Chambers' experience spans the whole spectrum of anti-trust litigation: restrictive practices, abuse of dominance, mergers, market investigations and regulated industries.

As independent practitioners, members of chambers are instructed to act on behalf of a wide range of clients, in a counsel team or as a sole barrister, whether litigating or giving advice.

SIGNIFICANT RECENT CASES

Current and recent appeals from Commission decisions in which members of Brick Court have appeared or are currently working on include:

Cartels, Abuse of Dominance, Mergers & State Aid

- ◆ Google Appeal
- ◆ Pay for Delay Appeals (Lupin, Lundbeck & Ranbaxy)
- ◆ Power Cables Appeals
- ◆ EURIBOR Appeals
- ◆ CRT Appeals
- ◆ Air Cargo Appeals
- ◆ GE/Alstrom Merger
- ◆ Ryanair v European Commission
- ◆ Universal/EMI Merger

In addition, recent references from domestic courts and interventions into Luxembourg proceedings include:

EU Law (including Constitutional Law, Pharmaceutical, Sanctions, Free Movement), IP, Consumer Protection, Private International Law

- ◆ Stichting Brein v Ziggo BV and XS4ALL Internet BV C 610/15 [2017]
- ◆ Municipality of Oslo E-5/16 [2017]
- ◆ Elisabeth Schmitt v TÜV Rheinland LGA Products GmbH C-219/15 [2017]
- ◆ Vereniging Openbare Bibliotheken v Stichting Leenrecht T-720/14 [2016]
- ◆ Arkady Romanovich Rotenberg v Council of the European Union T-720/14 [2016]
- ◆ Simply Pleasure v Westminster City Council C 316/15 [2016]

- ◆ Sun Pharmaceutical Industries v Commission
T-460/13 [2016]
- ◆ National Iranian Tanker Company v Council of the
European Union T 207/15 [2016]
- ◆ Verein für Konsumenteninformation v Amazon EU
Sàrl C 191/15 [2016]
- ◆ MSD Animal Health Innovation and Intervet
international v European Medicines Agency T-729/15
[2016]
- ◆ PTC Therapeutics International Ltd v European
Medicines Agency T-718/15R [2016]
- ◆ Good Luck Shipping LLC v Council of the European
Union T 423/13 and T 64/14 [2016]
- ◆ Philip Morris and British American Tobacco UK Ltd
v The Secretary of State for Health C 547/14 [2016]
- ◆ Central Bank of Iran v Council C-266/15 P [2016]
- ◆ Council of the European Union v Bank Mellat
C-176/13 P [2016]

DIRECTORIES

Brick Court provides a top-flight European law offering that is sought out by prestigious law firms seeking advice in areas as diverse as tax, free movement and EU-wide IP. The barristers receive instructions from multinational corporations, government bodies and individuals, and are increasingly active in the expanding area of EU sanctions. Of late, members have handled a number of headline-grabbing matters, as illustrated by their appearance in the Tobacco Directive judicial reviews. Instructing solicitors say: "All the barristers are efficient, bright and know the law, and the clerks are easy to deal with."

Chambers & Partners 2017: European Law (Band 1)

Brick Court Chambers is a top-flight competition set offering strength in depth at all levels of seniority. The barristers act on all aspects of competition law, including private damages actions and investigations, and appear for claimants and defendants. Top-level solicitors regularly instruct them on behalf of market-leading corporates; they also represent competition regulators. Members have appeared on both sides of the leading cases of Emerald Supplies v British Airways and Unwired Planet v Samsung and Huawei. Sources say: "Brick Court has an extremely strong market offering at all levels from junior to leading counsel."

Chambers & Partners 2017: Competition Law (Band 1)

Brick Court Chambers is 'packed with star quality at all levels', reflected in its impressive workload. Work highlights included Foundem v Google, concerning Google's alleged abuse of dominant position regarding internet searching, and the Eurotunnel case in the Supreme Court.

The Legal 500 2016: EU & Competition Law (Tier 1)

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Chambers and switchboard are open from 8am to 8pm.

Our building (which has easy access for disabled clients) opposite the High Court in London is spacious and modern. We have large, comfortable conference rooms, with a capacity of over 30 people. Facilities include HD video conferencing with multi-point capability, client parking spaces, and a seminar room with presentation facilities. We also have a portable induction loop system available. We can accommodate short Arbitration or Mediation hearings, and can advise if parties need a venue for longer hearings.

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