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Based primarily in London, Cormac O'Daly advises on a wide range of EU and UK competition law issues. These include merger control, cartels and related litigation, licensing and other vertical and horizontal agreements, other potentially restrictive practices and alleged abuses of market power. He regularly advises on areas at the convergence of competition and intellectual property laws. Mr. O'Daly's clients have ranged from software companies, hardware manufacturers, oil and gas producers, companies appealing fines imposed by the European Commission (including Wabco in its 2013 fine reduction of over € 200 million and Guardian in its 2014 reduction of over € 44 million), companies seeking merger approval, and trade associations. Mr. O'Daly is also a member of the firm's Brexit Group, advising on the potential consequences of the UK leaving the European Union.

Before joining WilmerHale, Mr. O'Daly was an associate in the competition department of a leading firm in London.

Mr. O'Daly also worked as a stagiaire and référendaire to Advocate General Fennelly at the European Court of Justice.

Solutions

Antitrust and Competition

Cross-Border Investigations
and Compliance

Intersection of Antitrust and IP
United Kingdom

Brussels/EU

European Energy and Climate
Change

Investigations

European Communications

EU Competition

European State Aid

Experience

Recent Highlights

- Representing merging companies requiring EU, UK and other clearances, notably Baker Hughes when it was acquired by General Electric, Cisco in its acquisition of Tandberg, Oracle in its acquisition of PeopleSoft, and in a European energy sector merger
- Representing companies in cartel investigations and appeals, including Wabco in its appeal of the European Commission's bathroom fittings and fixtures decision to the General Court, which reduced the imposed fine by over €200 million (the third-largest fine reduction ever in a cartel case) and Guardian in its appeal to the European Court of Justice, which reduced the fine that the Commission originally imposed in its flat glass decision by over € 44 million
- Acting for a defendant in the air cargo cartel damages action before the UK High Court
- Counseling on issues at the intersection of competition and intellectual property law including regarding alleged standards essential patents and patent pools
- Advising on abuse of dominance investigations
- Advising on potential implications of Brexit
- Overseeing antitrust compliance in trade associations
- Litigation before the EU's Court of Justice and General Court including in competition and environmental law and on freedom of access to documents

Recognition

Honors & Awards

- Winner of *Global Competition Review's* "Litigation of the Year–Cartel Defence" category 2018 (for work on UK Air Cargo cartel damages case)
- Listed in the *Europe, Middle East & Africa Legal 500*
- Regular contributor to ICC Task Forces on competition policy

Credentials

EDUCATION

LLM, College of Europe,
Bruges, 1999

Grade of "Excellent"

LLB (Ling. Franc.), Trinity
College, Dublin, 1998

First Class Honours

ADMISSIONS

England and Wales, Solicitor

Ireland, Solicitor

Brussels (associate member)

LANGUAGES

French

Spanish

English