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I advise a number of public bodies, regulators and state agencies on all areas of public, regulatory and administrative law. I have particular experience in all aspects of EU and Irish competition and public procurement law.

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I advise public and regulatory bodies, private entities and trade associations, with a particular focus on [public procurement](#), and [competition](#) law. I also advise on investigations and enforcement, complaints and discipline, registration, freedom of information law and legislative drafting.

In the area of [public procurement](#), I have acted both for contracting authorities and private entities in procurement regarding several industry sectors (including healthcare, waste, construction, technology and energy). My experience includes:

- Advising public bodies on the conduct of competitions for the award of public contracts;
- Advising on multiple discrete issues such as the modification of contracts during their term; preliminary market consultations; and procurement in cases of extreme urgency; and
- Challenging [public procurement](#) decisions on behalf of aggrieved bidders (including in High Court litigation) and defending such challenges on behalf of public bodies.

In EU and Irish [competition and regulatory law](#), my experience includes advising on:

- **Merger control** – notifying several transactions to Ireland's Competition and Consumer Protection Commission ("**CCPC**") and the European Commission; conducting multi-jurisdictional merger control analyses; and advising on several in-depth reviews (including one of the longest-ever merger control investigations by the CCPC);
- **Behavioural competition law** – advising on competition law issues such as horizontal arrangements, vertical agreements and abuse of dominance, including on private damages actions and investigations by the CCPC;
- **State aid** – advising on the general application of EU State aid law and on the specific application of sector-specific guidelines; my experience also includes State aid litigation before the Court of Justice of the European Union in Luxembourg;
- **Sectoral regulation** – advising on the regulation of several industries including telecoms, fisheries and lotteries;
- **Trade law** – expertise in EU/Irish export control laws (in particular on the EU Dual-Use Regulation) and on the Irish implementation of EU restrictive measures/sanctions; and
- EU/Irish anti-money laundering/counter-terrorist financing rules.

I hold a Diploma in EU Competition Law from King's College London.