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Daniel Colgan is an experienced competition law practitioner, who has practised in this field for more than 10 years.

Daniel's practice includes advising on a wide range of complex competition law issues in an international context, covering both the EU and national regimes. In particular, he has managed numerous complex multi-jurisdictional merger control proceedings (including Phase II investigations before the European Commission) and major high-profile global cartel matters involving coordinated investigations by multiple competition authorities worldwide. Daniel's areas of practice also include advising clients in relation to a wide range of horizontal and vertical arrangements, dominance investigations, competition litigation and State aid.

Daniel has advised clients in a wide range of industries and has particular experience in the energy (upstream, mid-stream & downstream), transport and logistics, heavy industry/manufacturing, mining and entertainment sectors. His recent experience includes advising a client in the context of a global cartel investigation with more than 20 jurisdictions concerned, representing clients before the European Commission in relation to investigations concerning both dominance and complex horizontal cooperation agreements and advising on the merger control issues in relation to the acquisition of an upstream energy company.

Daniel's achievements have been recognised by his inclusion in the Global Competition Review (GCR) "40 under 40" survey 2016 as one of the 40 top competition law practitioners under the age of 40 in the world.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- German
- French
- Dutch

- Antitrust and Competition
- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

- Energy and Natural Resources
- Infrastructure, Construction and Transport
- Industrials
- Media, Sport and Entertainment

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Dutch

Merger Control

- Advising on complex merger investigations (including European Commission Phase I and II investigations, remedy negotiations, etc.), such as the EMI/Universal, EMI/Sony and Holcim/Lafarge transactions. Advising on numerous multi-jurisdictional merger filings

Cartel/Global Investigations

- Advising on the overall coordination of global cartel investigations (including a recent investigation involving around 20 jurisdictions spanning Europe, North America, South America, Africa and the Asia-Pacific region)
- Advising on all stages of cartel investigations by authorities within and outside the EU (including dawn raid assistance, immunity/leniency applications, responding to authority information requests, analysing and replying to statements of objections, preparing for and presenting at oral hearings, engaging in settlement negotiations in the EU, US and other jurisdictions, etc.)
- Advising on the defence strategy of individuals under (criminal) investigation by competition authorities and coordinating with their personal legal counsel
- Working on all aspects of cartel related internal investigations and due diligence (including managing document collection and review exercises, preparing and conducting interview rounds, conducting surprise audits at clients' premises, etc)

Advisory

- Advising on non-full function joint ventures and other forms of horizontal cooperation (e.g., joint selling/marketing)
- Advising on information exchange arrangements (e.g., in the context of trade associations)
- Advising companies in relation to a range of abuse of dominance claims

Litigation

- Coordinating the global defence strategy against cartel damage claims in multiple jurisdictions, including US class actions
- Advising on strategy for applications to the General Court and conducting the litigation, most recently in cases T-265/12 *Schenker v. Commission* and T-267/12 *Deutsche Bahn v. Commission*

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales, 2004
- Avocat registered with the Ordre Francais des Avocats du Barreau de Bruxelles, 2004

Prior Experience

- 2010 - 2015, Principal Associate, UK magic circle law firm (Brussels office), competition group
- 2006 - 2010, Associate, UK magic circle law firm (Brussels office), competition group
- 2004 - 2006, Associate, UK magic circle law firm (Brussels office), competition group
- 2002 - 2004, Trainee solicitor, UK magic circle law firm (London and Brussels office)

Education

- BPP Law School, Legal Practice Course, 2002
- University College London, LLB, Law with German law, First Class Honours, 2001
- European School of Brussels, European Baccalaureate

Memberships

- Law Society of England and Wales
- Ordre Francais des Avocats du Barreau de Bruxelles - member of the francophone bar of Brussels (E list) (since 2004)

Publications

Antitrust Matters – April 2022

28 April 2022
Antitrust Matters
Dear Reader,

State aid: Levelling the playing field or moving the goalposts?

21 October 2020
DLA Piper Trade Truths

The European Commission unveiled plans on 17 June 2020 to take a tougher line on subsidised foreign companies in the EU market. Under this proposal, the Commission seeks to “safeguard critical EU companies” in strategic industries such as pharma and agri-food so that they do not fall victim to “hostile takeovers conducted by large dominant player”.

- 'The Complexity of Cartel Enforcement in Times of Globalization of Competition Law', *Competition Policy International*, co-author
- 'International Cartel Investigations: assessing and managing risks in a high stakes game of international dimension', prepared for ABA International Cartel Workshop, co-author

Events

- 'Access to the competition Authorities' files: current status and upcoming changes', Kroll Ontrack event, 9 October 2014