

## Ciara Kennedy-Loest

Partner

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### Biography

Whether you are looking for someone to help you coordinate a global merger, fight your corner in a procurement dispute or help you make sense of the State aid rules, Ciara can assist. The regulatory insights and contacts she has with anti-trust agencies from splitting her twenty years with the firm between our London and Brussels offices can make all the difference when it comes to getting your mergers through.

Her punchy and pragmatic style has also made her a household name in the field of public procurement where she has secured great results for clients in the UK courts and also the European Courts in Luxembourg where she has a 100% success rate.

### Representative experience

Acting for ALSTOM on the merger aspects of General Electric's \$12.3bn acquisition of ALSTOM's energy business.

Acting for IBM on the EU merger control aspects of the sale of its \$2.3bn x86 server business to Lenovo.

Advising IBM on the merger control aspects of its US\$1.5bn sale of its microelectronics business to GlobalFoundries.



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### Languages

English

Italian

French

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### Practices

Antitrust and Competition

Public Procurement

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### Industries

Aerospace, Defense, and  
Government Services

Automotive and Mobility

Advising Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and Hitachi on the EU merger control aspects of the integration of their thermal power generation operations.

Acting for ALSTOM in the UK court public procurement challenge to Eurostar's award to Siemens of a £600m contract for the Channel Tunnel rolling stock.

Successfully defending Fusion for Energy on two procurement challenges at the General Court in relation to the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor project.

Successfully defending Europol, the European Police Office, in two procurement challenges brought before the General Court of the EU by an unsuccessful bidder.

Advising the Hellenic Republic Development Fund on the State aid aspects of the proposed privatisation of the Greek Railways.

## Awards and rankings

- Global Public Procurement Lawyer of the Year, *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers*, 2010
- Competition Law (UK), Foreign expert for Belgium, *Chambers Global*, 2018-2019
- Band 1 - Public Procurement, *Chambers UK*, 2016

## Latest thinking and events

- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells Advises IBM In Acquisition of Red Hat, Inc.
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - Brexit – Possible models for the UK/EU relationship
- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - What will Brexit mean for UK public and utilities procurement *IP Alert*
- WebCast
  - The Global Antitrust Corner – Circumnavigating

Energy and Natural Resources

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## Areas of focus

Competition Compliance

Merger Control

State Aid

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## Education and admissions

### Education

Post-diploma studies on Competition Law, King's College London, 1996

The College of Law, Chester, 1992

LL.B., University of Cambridge, Trinity Hall, 1991

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## Memberships

Member of the Steering Committee of the Procurement Lawyers Association

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

Solicitor, England and Wales

Solicitor, Republic of Ireland

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## Accolades

'responsive, concise and precise, and provides really clear direction on what can be quite complex queries'

the Merger Control World

*Chambers UK 2014*

■ Blog Post

- Updated Merger Filing Rules in COMESA

■ WebCast

- The Global Antitrust Corner – International Antitrust Investigations and Cooperation

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'brilliant in public procurement files'

*Chambers Global 2010*

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“an impressive speaker who combines sound business sense with an in-depth knowledge of public procurement”

*Chambers UK 2009*

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