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BIOGRAPHY

Paul is a New Zealand qualified Senior Associate and registered as a foreign lawyer with the Brussels Bar based in BCLP's Brussels office, where his practice focuses on antitrust and competition law. Paul's experience covers all the key areas of competition law, with a particular focus on merger control and foreign investment regulation. Paul holds a postgraduate qualification in EU competition law from King's College London.

Paul regularly advises clients on multi-jurisdictional merger control and foreign investment, competition law compliance and regulatory investigations. Paul has advised clients across multiple sectors including technology, online platforms, retail, energy and entertainment.

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