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BIOGRAPHY

Chris Bryant is a partner in the Antitrust & Competition and International Trade teams, based in the London and Brussels offices. His area of practice covers UK & EU competition law, state aid, public procurement, EU regulatory law, WTO and international trade law, economic sanctions, export controls and trade remedies. Chris heads the firm's Brexit taskforce.

Chris has advised in some of the European Commission's largest competition and trade investigations, including the cartel investigation relating to automotive parts and the anti-dumping / anti-subsidy investigation into Chinese solar panel imports.

Chris frequently advises public and private sector bodies on the state aid and public procurement rules. Chris has an extremely busy public procurement and subsidy control practice, advising on all

aspects of the procurement process for some of the largest “big ticket” matters in the market. He has acted on a number of high-profile procurements for clients such as a bidder the Fourth National Lottery Licence (the largest UK public procurement in 25 years); Homes England’s redevelopment of York Town Centre; HS2; and the London Stadium. He advises both private sector organisations, including KBR, AEW Europe and Mace, as well as public sector bodies, including Homes England and the Greater London Authority. He has represented clients in some of the biggest procurement challenges to come before the courts in recent years, including Northern & Shell’s challenge to the National Lottery Licence award. He has been involved in some of the UK’s most complex and high-profile projects, including many of the Olympics infrastructure projects. He advises businesses on compliance with EU/UK regulatory regimes and single market rules, with significant experience in relation to cosmetics, medical devices, pressure equipment, toys, electrical equipment and chemicals.

Chris has extensive litigation experience. He has represented companies in several appeals before the EU General Court and in a number of significant cartel damages actions. Chris has also advised in some of the UK’s leading public procurement and state aid High Court cases.

Chris also advises clients frequently on the application of UK/EU sanctions and on the UK export control regime. He has represented several clients in obtaining the necessary licences.

In his role as head of the firm’s Brexit taskforce, Chris has advised clients across almost every sector of the economy on Brexit, including retail, financial services, energy, chemicals, automotive and healthcare. He has advised extensively on WTO and other international trade issues, including GATT/GATS rules, free trade agreements and trade remedies investigations.

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EXPERIENCE

- **National Grid v ABB and others** - Advised National Grid on its ground-breaking damages claim against members of the gas insulated switchgear cartel, including in related cases in the EU General Court.
- **Automotive wire harnesses** - Advised a major Japanese supplier on the European Commission and UK investigations into the automotive wire harness cartel. This formed part of one of the largest ever global cartel investigations.
- **Olympic Delivery Authority** - Advised on the application of the EU State aid and public procurement rules to several of the major infrastructure projects connected with the London 2012 Games, including the Olympic Village.
- **Oil & gas industry** - Advised oil & gas clients on the application of EU sanctions imposed in relation to Russia.

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The EU's Foreign Subsidies Regulation (FSR) entered into force on 12 July 2023. Its M&A and public procurement notification regimes will go live on 12 October 2023. On 10 July 2023, the European Commission (Commission)

adopted its final version of the FSR's Implementing Regulation alongside the template notification forms. This gives further information on how the FSR regime works in practice, and specifies the information that must be included for mandatory M&A and public procurement notifications. We have written previously about the FSR regime at the beginning of 2023. This article looks at the new FSR regime, and what this means in practice for those doing business within the EU.

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