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BIOGRAPHY

Sonja is a Senior Associate in BCLP's Antitrust & Competition practice, based in the London office. She regularly advises clients on all aspects of UK and EU competition law, including cartel investigations and enforcement, distribution and commercial arrangements, abuse of dominance, and general competition compliance. Sonja has acted on competition law cases before the EU, UK and other national competition regulators, including working on one of the largest ever global cartel investigations and several complex global financial services cases. Sonja's practice also has a strong emphasis on sector regulation across a number of industries, with particular experience in the infrastructure, energy, transport, telecommunications and utilities sectors.

She furthermore advises clients on the application of EU regulatory law, including in relation to medical devices, chemicals, toys and cosmetics. She also regularly counsels on compliance with

EU/UK sanctions, including those relating to Russia/Ukraine, Iran, Libya and Syria, as well as on EU and UK export control rules.

Sonja has spent three months on secondment to BT plc and holds a post-graduate diploma in EU Competition Law from Kings College, London.

Sonja is fluent in German.

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