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Year of Call: 2002



## Main Areas of Practice

Competition law      Commercial law  
European law      Public law  
Sports law

Christopher's practice focuses on competition law and EU law, and he also has experience of sports law and general commercial and public law.

Before coming to Matrix Chambers in 2009 Christopher served as a Referendaire (Legal Secretary) to the UK Competition Appeal Tribunal (CAT), where he assisted the Tribunal panels in the management and resolution of cases. Whilst at the CAT, he gained unique experience into the competition law enforcement regime in the UK and handled numerous appeals, including *Replica Shirts*, *Toys*, *West Midlands Roofing*, *MasterCard*, *Claymore Dairies*, *Freeserve*, *Somerfield*, *Celesio*, *Stericycle* and *London Metal Exchange*.

He then became the sole competition practitioner at the law firm Farrer & Co LLP, where he advised clients across the firm. Significant competition law matters on which he advised include the Arqiva/National Grid Wireless merger (acting for Emap Radio - now Bauer Radio - as an interested third party). Christopher's sports law experience includes acting for sports governing bodies in relation to challenges made to selection decisions for the Beijing Olympics and advising bodies on regulatory issues. Since joining Matrix, Christopher has appeared before the Court of Appeal, High Court, Competition Appeal Tribunal and Employment Tribunal.

Christopher is convenor of the LLM course in UK Competition Law at Queen Mary University of London. He used to teach EU law at King's College London. He writes and lectures frequently on all aspects of competition and general EU law, and has carried out training of competition agency officials in West Africa and Turkey. He was recently appointed joint UK rapporteur for the forthcoming Biennial Congress of the Federation Internationale de Droit Europeen (FIDE) in November 2010, reporting on "The Judicial Application of the EC Competition Rules".

## Practice Profile

### Competition law

Christopher covers the full range of UK and EC competition law (including utilities regulation). Recent cases include *Stagecoach v Competition Commission* (CAT) (successful challenge to CC merger prohibition decision) and *Cooperative Group v OFT* (appeal against *Tobacco products* infringement decision, pending).

### European law

Free movement of goods, services and persons; public procurement; private international law; state aid. Recent cases include *R(Chandler) v DCSF* (CA) (public procurement challenge to the legality of the Government's Academies programme).

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## Sports law

All aspects, including regulatory advice and challenges to governing body decisions. Christopher has recently sat as a member of the UK Athletics Selection Appeal Panel hearing appeals brought by athletes in relation to selection for the 2009 World Championships.

## Commercial law

General contract law; arbitration; general commercial law.

## Public Law

All aspects, including human rights.

## Publications and Lectures

Contributor to *Bellamy and Child's European Community Law of Competition* (Roth and Rose eds), 6th ed, OUP, 2008)

Co-author, Gray et al, *EU Competition Law: Procedure and Remedies* (Richmond Press, 2006)

Articles for a number of journals, including the Common Market Law Review, European Competition Law Review and Competition Law Journal.

Co-editor, Competition Law Journal (2004-)

## Education:

Bar Vocational Course, Inns of Court School of Law, 2001-2002

LLM in European Legal Studies, College of Europe, 2000-2001 (mention très bien)

LLB in Law with German Law, King's College London and University of Passau, 1995-1999 (1st class)

## Prizes:

Queen Mother Scholar of the Middle Temple, 2001

## Professional Memberships

Bar European Group

Competition Law Association

Global Competition Law Centre (Young Practitioner Programme)

UK Association for European Law