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## Main Areas of Practice

Competition law  
Commercial law  
European law

Immigration, Asylum and Free  
Movement  
Public law

John has a common law and commercial practice, with particular interests in public law, European law, competition, crime and professional negligence. In addition to his mainstream practice, John has undertaken regular pro bono work in the areas of employment and social security law.

Before coming to the Bar, John worked as a professional economist. He taught the subject for three years at Trinity College, Dublin, and has worked as an economic consultant for, among others, Oxford Economic Research Associates Ltd and NERA, London, where he specialised in the economics of competition policy and regulation.

He continues to undertake occasional work as a freelance economist.

John became a member of Matrix in April 2004. He was previously tenant at Hailsham Chambers, having done his pupillage at Brick Court Chambers.

## Practice profile

### Competition law

John covers the full range of UK and European competition law (including utilities regulation)

### Commercial law

General contract law, shipping, insurance, reinsurance, arbitration, jurisdiction issues, general commercial law, fraud

### European law

Competition law, state aids, free movement of goods, intellectual property, agriculture, free movement of services, public procurement, Brussels Convention

### Public law

Experienced in local authority finance, mental health law, judicial review, regulatory review, human rights, state immunity, prison law.

### Immigration and asylum law

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## Training, and Professional memberships

### *Education:*

Bar Vocational Course, Inns of Court School of Law, 2001  
PgDipLaw (Postgraduate Diploma in Law), Distinction, College of Law, 2000  
MLitt (Master of Letters) in Economics, Trinity College Dublin, 1996  
BA (Mod) in Economics, First Class Honours, Trinity College Dublin, 1994

### *Prizes:*

Sachs Prize for placing in top 3% on Bar Vocational Course, June 2001 (placed 9th in year)  
Harmsworth Scholar of the Middle Temple, June 2000

### *Professional Development:*

Two-week Middle Temple Advocacy Course  
Criminal Bar Association Course on the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002  
Bar Council/Legal Services Commission in Asylum and Immigration Law

### *Memberships:*

Bar European Group  
Administrative Law Bar Association  
Criminal Bar Association  
Competition Law Association

## Other professional experience

Occasional lecturer on the "Comparative US and EC Antitrust law" course on the University of London LLM programme  
Freelance Economic Consultant (2000-Present)  
National Economic Research Associates (1999-2000), Consultant  
Oxford Economic Research Associates Ltd (1998-99), Consultant  
Fitzpatrick Associates Economic Consultants (1997-98), Consultant  
Department of Economics, Trinity College Dublin (1994-97), Tutor in Economics  
St. Catherine's College of Education (1996-97), Lecturer in Economics

## Publications

Articles for a number of publications, including *The Utilities Journal* (of which he was also an editor), *Butterworth's Merger Review* and *The Irish Times*.

Associate Editor of the *Trinity Economic Papers* series of academic working papers, and co-author of a number of published studies for the European Commission.

From 1995-97, authored a twice-weekly article for *The Irish Times* newspaper.

Currently Assistant Editor of the *Commercial Judicial Review Reports* and a headnoter for the *UK Human Rights Law Reports* and for the *New Law Digest*.