

Year of call 2002



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*.