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Irene Fraile is counsel on Alston & Bird's Antitrust and Payments & Fintech Groups in London. She focuses her practice on all aspects of EU and UK competition law and payment matters. With extensive knowledge of the EU regulatory framework of network industries, she has developed significant industry knowledge in the payments sector. She advises corporate clients, including leading global and European retailers, payment service providers, mobile network operators, and car rental companies.

Irene previously represented clients before the European Commission in European-wide investigations and complaint filings and has experience acting for clients in competition damages claims before the English courts. With specialist studies to become a legal adviser to the Spanish Parliament, Irene has represented clients' interests before European institutions, including the European Commission and the European Parliament.

Representative Experience

- Represented a global payments company in antitrust litigation in the High Court involving multimillion-pound damages claims.
- Represented a client active in the payments sector before the European Commission in relation to an investigation of alleged industry-wide anticompetitive practices.
- Acted for several leading merchants in competition damages litigation against Visa and MasterCard in the High Court and Competition Appeal Tribunal.
- Advised a large global retailer on potential anticompetitive practices in the FinTech sector.
- Acted for a payment services provider in disputes with a payment system.
- Represented clients' interests before the European Parliament and the European Commission in connection with the EU payments legislative framework.
- Acted for large corporate clients in the notification to the European Commission of a full-function JV in the mobile payments sector.

Education

- King's College London (LL.M., 2012)
- Complutense University of Madrid (LL.B., 2005)

Languages

- Spanish
- Italian

Admitted to Practice

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales
- Madrid Bar Association