



## Simon Albert

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### *Related Services*

Antitrust ▪ Antitrust: Mergers, Compliance, and Investigations ▪ Litigation

Simon Albert is a senior associate, dual-qualified in England & Wales and at the Brussels bar, with Alston & Bird's Antitrust Team in London and Brussels. Simon focuses his practice on all aspects of EU and UK competition law across a wide range of industries, including antitrust damages actions. Simon has previously acted for clients in legal proceedings and merger notifications in numerous jurisdictions, including a number of multijurisdictional cartel investigations.

Simon is also expanding his practice to include advising on the UK's recently introduced National Security & Investment Act, and equivalent regimes in the EU, including subsidy control, collaborating with colleagues in the firm's Washington, D.C., office who advise on the existing CFIUS laws.

Before joining Alston & Bird, Simon worked for UK and U.S. firms of varying sizes and cultures in London, Paris, and Brussels on a wide range of behavioral and merger control matters. He has also worked at the UK competition authority, the Competition & Markets Authority.

Simon read History and German at Jesus College, Oxford University, before completing the PGDL and LPC at BPP Law School in London. Simon also holds a Master's degree in International Relations from the London School of Economics.

Simon speaks English, French, and German.

### *Representative Experience*

#### **Private Sector**

- Notifying mergers to the European Commission and securing clearances in Phase I.
- Notifying mergers to the UK competition authorities and securing clearances in Phase I.
- Managing numerous simultaneous multi-jurisdictional merger filings across the world in high-profile corporate transactions.
- Advising on high-profile cartel investigations, interviewing employees, reviewing and summarizing evidence, meeting regulators, and providing "significant added value" under the regulators' leniency program.
- Advised a former UK-based foreign exchange trader on issues of dual criminality and extradition law.
- Advising various international companies on the application of EU competition rules to commercial agreements, including restrictive clauses in leases, distribution agreements, trademark license agreements, post-termination restrictive covenants, noncompete clauses, and software license agreements.

- Representing a U.S.-based payment processing services provider in its acquisition of a UK-based provider of payment solutions.
- Representing an international payments technology and software company in its acquisition of the European business assets of a leading European player in payment services.
- Representing one of the largest and most diversified global leaders in the foodservice equipment industry in its acquisition of a leading global supplier of commercial foodservice equipment.
- Representing a U.S.-based financial technology solutions and payments provider in litigation against two global retail electronic payments networks.

## **Government**

- Assigned to the Competition & Markets Authority's Enforcement Division as a case team lawyer in the Paroxetine "pay for delay" pharmaceutical investigation. Subsequently assigned to the Bathroom Fittings investigation into online resale price maintenance.

## **Publications & Presentations**

### **Publications**

- "UK Blocks Nexperia's Acquisition of Newport Wafer Fab-Update on UK's NSIA," *World ECR*, December 2022-January 2023.
- "Sending a Signal? UK's 'CFIUS' Blocks University Licensing Deal Citing National Security Concerns," *WorldECR*, September 2022.
- "Cross Border Disputes and the Italian Torpedo Redux," *International Financial Law Review*, August 5, 2021.
- "CAT's Sabre Judgement," *European Competition Law Review*, No. 1, Thomson Reuters, 2021.
- "Sabre/Farelogix and the Jurisdiction of the UK's Competition & Markets Authority to Review International Transactions," *European Competition Law Review*, Thomson Reuters, March 2, 2021.

### **Education**

- London School of Economics & Political Science (M.Sc., 2012)
- BPP Law School (L.P.C., 2002)
- BPP Law School (PGDL, 2001)
- Jesus College, University of Oxford (B.A. Hons, 2000)

### **Languages**

- French
- German

### **Admitted to Practice**

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales
- Ireland (non-practising)
- Brussels Bar (A-list)