

Richard Eccles



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Summary

Richard Eccles advises on public law, regulation, competition law and various areas of compliance.

Until August 2020 he was a partner in Bird & Bird LLP in London and has since then worked (part-time) as an external consultant to the firm. He was previously a partner in CMS Cameron McKenna (formerly McKenna & Co).

Richard has over 30 years experience of EU and UK competition law, including anti-trust, merger control and State aid. He has extensive experience of advising on regulatory law and competition regulation especially in the electronic communications (and also broadcasting and postal services) sectors.

Richard is a solicitor (England and Wales) and is also admitted to the Brussels Bar (Dutch-speaking Order) as a Belgian lawyer. He is a past Chair of the Law Society's Competition Section and was active for many years (until October 2020) on the committee of the Section and previously its forerunner the Law Society's European Group.

Over and Above

Relevant Work Experience

- Representing parties in UK merger control processes seeking and/or obtaining merger control clearance from the CMA, including a recent CMA phase 2 investigation and a recent CMA phase 1 investigation
- Advising on EU and UK anti-trust law on a wide range of supply, licensing, distribution, and many other commercial agreements, including in the context of the digital environment;
- Advising various sports bodies on EU and UK competition law in relation to the tendering and licensing of sports media rights;
- Advising on a wide range of issues concerning abuse of dominance;
- Regularly monitoring and advising a grouping of professional services firms to ensure competition law compliance in their discussions;
- State aid: advising on the application of the EU State aid rules, especially in relation to research and development.

Professional Career

- January 2022 to date: Solicitor practising as consultant to Alden Legal Limited
- September 2020 to date: Solicitor practising as consultant to Bird & Bird LLP
- 2002 - 2020: Partner, Bird & Bird LLP, London
- 1989 - 2002: Solicitor, later partner, CMS Cameron McKenna (previously McKenna & Co and subsequently Cameron McKenna), in London, then Brussels (1993 – 2001), then London
- 1987 - 1989: Solicitor, later Partner, Aaron & Partners, Chester
- 1983 - 1987: Trainee, later Solicitor, Theodore Goddard, London

Education and Qualifications

- Law Society's Finals, College of Law, Chester
- MA (Oxon), Law, Pembroke College, Oxford University
- Admitted as a solicitor of England and Wales, October 1985
- Admitted to the Brussels Bar (Dutch-speaking Order) as an advocaat/avocat, March 2019



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