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Education

B.A. (Hons) Law,
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Bar Admissions

Brussels (EU-list)
Solicitor, England & Wales

Languages

English
German

Publications

"German Competition Regulator Investigates Facebook for Alleged Violation of Data Protection Laws," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, March 11, 2016

"Key Takeaways - Antitrust in the Technology Sector: Policy Perspectives and Insight From the Enforcers," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, February 9, 2016

"EU Court Affirms Independence of EU and National Leniency Programs," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, January 28, 2016

Simon Baxter is head of the European Antitrust/Competition Group. He has practiced competition law for over 25 years, and has experience of European, Chinese and other antitrust regimes. He focuses on the antitrust aspects of mergers and acquisitions, as well as advising businesses on regulatory investigations and other compliance issues.

Mr. Baxter is a regular speaker on competition law and is recognized by *Chambers Global* as a Band 1 practitioner in Brussels. He is described by *Legal 500 EMEA* as having "superb knowledge of competition law" and being "practical and business-oriented." *Chambers Global* notes how "interviewees admire how he manages the whole process even on difficult cases when people are getting fraught." In addition, he is listed in *The International Who's Who of Competition Lawyers & Economists 2015* and *Who's Who Legal: Competition 2015*.

He has counseled clients such as American Express, Dell Inc., General Electric, Macquarie, Novell, Sun Chemical Corporation, The Walt Disney Company and Yahoo! Inc. on merger investigations and compliance matters before the EU Commission, the U.K.'s Competition and Markets Authority, the Anti-Monopoly Bureau of China's MOC and other agencies worldwide. Recently, he advised GE on its acquisition of Alstom S.A., which was approved with remedies, following a Phase II investigation, and a major U.S. bank on the EU Commission's investigation into credit default swaps. The Commission subsequently dropped all charges against the client.

Presentations

IBC Legal Merger Control Conference, "Current Challenges in EU Merger Court," April 13, 2016

Skadden Seminar, "Antitrust in the Technology Sector: Policy Perspectives and Insights From the Enforcers," Jan. 26, 2016 (Palo Alto, Calif.)

Skadden Seminar, "Antitrust Law and Policies From Brussels to Washington DC: The Atlantic Divide," Oct. 16, 2015 (Brussels)