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Expertise

- Antitrust
- Antitrust Damages
- Collective and Class Actions

Profile

James is a Senior Consultant in Oxera's Competition team. He has worked on cases involving anticompetitive agreements, abuse of dominance and damages, across a variety of industries including financial services, energy, communications and retail.

James has particular expertise in competition litigation cases in the UK, where he has advised both claimants and defendants in relation to standalone and follow-on claims arising from cartels, other forms of agreements and abuse of dominance. This includes advising National Grid in relation to its claim against the Gas Insulated Switchgear cartel, advising Mastercard in its defence against a number of damages claims regarding interchange fees, advising BritNed, National Grid and Scottish Power in relation to their claims against the high voltage cables cartel and advising Google regarding its defence against a number of damages claims following the Google Shopping decision (2018–present).

Selected professional experience

- Advice to National Grid and Scottish Power regarding a damages claim against the high voltage cables cartel (2019–20)
- Advice to a rail company regarding its defence against a standalone claim that it abused its dominant position (2019–)
- Advice to a financial services company in the context of a PSR investigation into an alleged breach of Article 101 (2019–)
- Advice to Google regarding its defence against a number of damages claims in Europe following the Google Shopping decision (2018–)

- Advice to a manufacturer of building products in the context of an investigation by the CMA into an alleged breach of Article 101 (2018–)
- Advice to purchasers of lifts and elevators regarding their claim for damages (2018–)
- Advice to an international bank in the context of the European Commission’s competition investigation into the European Government Bond market (2018–19)
- Advice to BritNed regarding its damages claim against the high voltage cables cartel (2017–19)
- Quantification of the losses suffered by a major UK mobile network operator (MNO) caused by an alleged breach of contract by another UK MNO (2017–18)
- Assessment of a company’s bundling practices (2017)
- Advice to a large Brazilian company in relation to its defence against a follow-on damages claim (2016–17)
- Assisting Mastercard in its defence against a number of standalone damages claims regarding interchange fees (2015–)
- Advice to Mastercard in the context of a European Commission investigation into alleged Article 101 infringements (2015–19)
- Advice to a number of purchasers of cathode ray tubes (CRTs) in relation to a follow-on damages claim against the CRT cartel (2015–)
- Advice to a large retailer in relation to an investigation into certain vertical agreements with its suppliers (2014–15)
- Advice to a retailer in the context of litigation involving a restrictive covenant in a land agreement (2014–15)
- Advice to ConocoPhillips regarding its claim that Centrica abused its dominant position in the UK Continental Shelf (UKCS) (2014–15)
- Advice to Scottish Power during the CMA investigation into the GB energy market (2014–16)
- Survey analysis for Skyscanner during its appeal against the OFT commitment decision following its investigation into online hotel bookings (2014)
- Advising a group of claimants in relation to follow-on damages claims against the air cargo cartel (2013–14)
- Conducted econometric analysis for House of Fraser to assist in its response to the OFT’s investigation into alleged resale price maintenance of sports bras (2013–14)
- Quantification of the damages suffered by National Grid as a result of the gas-insulated switchgear cartel (2013–14)

Qualifications

- MSc Economics, University College London
- BSc Economics, University of Southampton