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Expertise

- Antitrust
- Antitrust Damages
- Collective and Class Actions

Sectors

- Financial Services
- Telecoms, Media and Technology

Profile

Joseph is one of Oxera's expert advisers in the field of competition litigation. He heads Oxera's Follow-on Damages practice in the UK, with a focus on collective actions and cartel damages. He has a particular specialism in matters that require the application of empirical analysis, such as econometrics, to assess underlying competition issues or harms. Able to work across jurisdictions, Joseph has led projects providing evidence to competition authorities (including the CMA and the European Commission) and national courts in the UK and the Netherlands.

One of Joseph's noted skills is making complex economics concepts practical, relevant and clear, and he has experience of providing expert testimony in the UK and to the European Commission. He regularly contributes to Oxera's EU-sponsored courses on the quantification of competition damages for member state judges.

Providing advice across a wide range of industry sectors, Joseph has particular experience working in the fields of payments services and telecoms. Prior to joining Oxera, Joseph worked for four years in BT Group's finance division, where he received his accountancy training and conducted an econometric research project at the Bank of England.

Selected professional experience

- Litigation support to a UK transmission/distribution network operator in evaluating the damages resulting from a European cartel in the power cables market (2020–)
- Litigation support to an auto manufacturer in relation to damages resulting from the roll-on, roll-off ('RoRo') cartel (2020)
- Economic advice to European truck original equipment manufacturers in defending cartel claims in multiple European jurisdictions (2018–)
- Competition advice to a UK funeral services provider with respect to a CMA market study, including evaluation of the competition risk of different business models (2018)
- Advice to the Post Office in its acquisition of bill payments provider, Payzone, cleared by the CMA at phase one (2018)
- Providing a range of expert and claim quantification advice to a number of claimant law firms and funders in the preliminary stages of collective competition litigation (2017–)
- Economic advice to Dorothy Gibson, class representative in the UK's first collective proceedings under the Consumer Rights Act, in her claim against Pride Mobility (2017)
- Strategic advice to a major international card scheme on a wide range of economic issues, including potential and ongoing litigation and regulatory investigations (2016–)
- Litigation support to National Grid in evaluating the damages resulting from a European cartel in the power cables market (2016–20)
- Economic impact assessment and expert advice relating to patent litigation in a Netherlands court in the microchip manufacturing equipment sector (2016–18)
- Economic impact assessments for Liberty Global relating to the economic effect of cable broadband roll-out (2016–17)
- Advice to STIM, the Swedish music collecting society, concerning the online royalty rates that are compatible with Article 102 TFEU (2016)
- Advice to the UK Cards Association on the economic impact of the interchange fee regulation (2016)
- Competition advice and expert presentations at an oral hearing on behalf of a major international card scheme in relation to a European Commission investigation into alleged Article 101 infringements (2015–18)
- Expert advice and testimony for Stagecoach Group through submissions to the QCS Board on the legal economic tests required to introduce a QCS under the Transport Act 2000 (2015)
- Advice to Google on the economic impact of online platforms on the EU economy (2015)
- Advice to Scottish Power in responding to the CMA market investigation into the GB energy market (2014–15)
- Advice to Google on the economic impact of changes to Internet intermediary liability protection law in Germany, Chile, India and Thailand (2014–15)
- Economic impact assessment for Inmarsat, considering the economic impact of introducing wireless Internet access on aircraft (2014)
- Advised Ryanair on conducting analyses under the market economy operator principle (MEOP) in a number of state aid investigations (2013–14)
- Litigation support and econometric damages calculation for National Grid in the UK Gas Insulated Switchgear cartel damages claim (2013–14)

Selected publications

- Bell, J. and Shah, K. (2016), 'New Economic Questions in opt-out collective actions', Competition Law Journal, 15:163
- Noble, R., Bell, J. and Shah, K. (2017), 'Class actions: the mobility scooters case', Competition Law Journal, 16:3, pp. 221–230.
- Bell, J. and Shah, K. (2020), 'Aggregate damages: why the whole might not be the sum of the parts', Competition Law Journal, 19:2
- Oxera's written evidence to the Brexit Competition Law Working Group and House of Lords concerning the impact of Brexit on private enforcement in the UK

Qualifications

- MPhil Economic Research, University of Cambridge, UK
- Graduate Diploma in Economics, University of Cambridge, UK
- Associate of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)
- MSci Natural Sciences (Physics), University of Durham, UK