

# STATE AID

## WHAT WE DO

We offer a wealth of experience in litigating and advising on State aid issues at every level, including the UK courts, the EU General Court and the ECJ. The State aid cases we have handled have traversed multiple contexts, including:

- Rescue and restructuring aid
- Aids to particular industries or regions
- Aids with environmental and social objectives
- Public procurement and public-private partnerships
- Complaints and notifications to the European Commission
- Appeals against Commission decisions
- Taxation and other business levies
- Bank bail-outs and the financial crisis
- Support for media, broadcasting and the arts
- Regeneration schemes and infrastructure projects
- Government investments in new high-tech industries
- Grants and contracts with charities and 'third sector' providers.

## WHY US?

Our members are recognised as among the most sought-after State aid experts at the English Bar. We can offer intimate knowledge of the procedures of the European Commission and UK Government in relation to State aid matters, and we have litigated multiple State aid cases before the High Court, the Court of Appeal and the EU Courts. Our expertise in related areas of law, such as Competition, Public, Procurement, Local Government and Taxation, means we are uniquely well placed to assist our clients in dealing with any State aid issue, no matter its complexity or the context in which it arises.

*"Monckton Chambers remains "an automatic choice for competition work." It is a set with barristers well versed on both the advisory and advocacy fronts, who "have seen and done it all over a number of years." As well as having some of the UK's most respected silks, it has a long list of impressive juniors, many of whom are tipped as future stars." – Chambers & Partners UK*

## OUR CREDENTIALS

Members have over recent years advised and represented a wide range of private clients and central and local government bodies on a number of high profile state aid cases

including cases arising out of the banking crisis, challenges to public funding of broadcasters, and public support for major infrastructure projects.

Notable cases include:

- Bouygues and Bouygues Telecom v European Commission (European Court of Justice)
- British Aggregates v Commission (Court of First Instance and European Court of Justice)
- Ryanair v European Commission (European Court of Justice)
- Scott SA v Commission (Court of First Instance and European Court of Justice)
- Greenpeace & Ecotricity v Secretary of State for Trade & Industry and British Energy Plc (Administrative Court)

## OUR PUBLICATIONS

- State aids chapter of *Bellamy & Child, European Community Law of Competition* (6th ed.)
- State aid chapter of *Competition Law of the European Community* (ed.V Korah; LexisNexis)
- Contributions to the *European State Aid Law Quarterly*.

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**Instructing a barrister** We can be instructed for merger control advice by any law firm in the world or (through an in-house solicitor or foreign lawyer) by any company. (If you do not fall within either of these two groups, please contact our senior Clerks to discuss whether we can assist.)

**How barristers operate** Monckton Chambers comprises over 50 barristers. Each barrister operates their own independent business (although they commonly work in teams). This means that our conflicts rules are applied to each barrister individually and not to Chambers as a whole.

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