

Representative Legal Matters

Luis A. Gomez

- Representing a major financial institution in the European Commission investigations into Credit Default Swaps, Euro interest rate derivatives and FX.
- Represented a major property consultancy company in the CMA's design, construction and fit-out services cartel investigation.
- Secured Phase 1 merger clearance for a major combination in the cleaning chemicals sector.
- Represented a major pharmaceutical company in the CMA's merger investigation into its acquisition of a competing compounding business, securing an unconditional Phase 1 clearance despite a case review meeting.
- Representing a large energy company in a European Commission investigation into oil supply routes to a European refinery.
- Advised a food supplier during various merger control approval processes before the CMA in respect of transactions relating to the supply of food products to the UK food service industry.
- Represented a global agri-business during a European Commission merger process in respect of a global sugar trading joint venture.
- Advising a major financial institution on a European Commission investigation into alleged abuse of dominance for ceasing to supply banking services to certain customer groups.
- Advised a global agri-business conglomerate in respect of multi-jurisdictional merger filings triggered by its acquisition of a competing animal feed manufacturer, including lead representation on filings in the EU, Mexico and Ukraine.
- Represented a Russian entity in respect of merger filings in the EU, China and Turkey for its LNG joint venture.
- Represented a Japanese conglomerate on the EU merger filing in respect of its acquisition of a UK motor vehicles services and repairs business.
- Advised a national oil company on the competition law implications of its strategy for gas sales into the EU.
- Advised a global manufacturing business on the competition law implications of a strategic relationship in the platinum group metals sector.

- Represented a major petrochemical company in its successful leniency application and subsequent European Commission investigation in respect of paraffin waxes, securing full immunity. Advising the same client in respect of follow on cartel damages actions in the UK and Holland, as well as advising on settlement of antitrust claims in the US, all pursuant to the paraffin waxes cartel.
- Devised and implemented a ground-breaking internal amnesty initiative for a multi-national client to detect competition law infringements.
- Advisor to a multi-national consumer goods company with dominance issues. Advice on pricing and distribution strategies, as well as design and implementation of compliance programme, including cutting-edge anonymous questionnaire to detect on-going illicit practices.
- Represented a Spanish sherry producer in respect of a UK leniency application associated with a cartel investigation in Spain.
- Advisor to a major IT company on the competition law issues of a number of outsourcing deals, including the coordination of multi-jurisdictional merger filings.
- Advising a large, multi-national consumer goods manufacturer and an international IT company on the global roll-out of their competition compliance programmes.
- Represented a coal tar products manufacturer in respect of its acquisition of a key competitor before the OFT. Despite leading to a two-to-one scenario in three different markets, the deal was approved on de minimis grounds.
- Acted for an international IT company in respect of its global Ethernet Solutions joint venture, which included an Article 101 assessment and the coordination of multiple merger filings.
- Advisor to a leading management consultant on competition compliance issues, including the drafting of industry/client reports, benchmarking studies and arranging meetings between competitors.
- Advised a major Saudi company on the global competition law implications (including on information flows and off-take arrangements) of two joint ventures, in respect of phosphates and aluminium respectively.
- Coordinated filings (including a Form CO) in respect of a joint venture for IP services to into-plane suppliers.
- Represented a large UK media business in a number of merger investigations, including as a successful intervener in the EMAP/ABI transaction before the UK Competition Commission. The deal was ultimately blocked and our client was able to purchase the forcefully-divested business.

- Advising a major petrochemical company on the competition law implications of two major joint venture projects in Qatar, including advice on state compulsion issues.
- Represented an airport owner in respect of its proposed bid for Leeds-Bradford airport.
- Advisor to a private equity fund in respect of a number of transactions, including its control over Bristol, Brussels and Copenhagen airports and its takeover bid of London Stock Exchange plc.
- Advised a major petrochemical company on the European Commission's sector investigation into gas and electricity markets.
- Advised a major beauty products manufacturer on merger filings (including a Form CO) arising out of its takeover by a competitor.
- Advised a large manufacturer in the fire protection segment on merger filings (including a Form CO) arising out of its takeover by a major competitor.
- Advised in relation to a joint venture for the provision of into-plane services at Spanish airports (Form CO).
- Represented a client before the European Commission (Form CO) in relation to its acquisition of its key competitor, which led to the creation of the largest independent global platform to service aircraft maintenance needs at airports.
- Represented a major petrochemical company in relation to the European Commission's cartel investigation into the joint selling of Norwegian gas by the GFU, the Gas Negotiation Committee.
- Advised a mining company in respect of various joint ventures worldwide with competitors.
- Represented a large bank in consultations with the European Commission regarding a proposed market mechanism for emissions reduction trading.
- Advised a large Hong Kong insurance company on a proposed collaboration with a competitor.
- Conducted numerous compliance audits across a whole range of industries, including energy, consumer goods and chemicals.
- Regularly provides advice on distribution strategies to clients in the energy, IT, consumer goods and medical device industries.