

# Antitrust Litigation and Arbitration Practice

Cleary Gottlieb’s antitrust litigation and arbitration practice draws on 65 years of experience practicing competition law in Europe and includes some of the most highly regarded lawyers in the fields of competition and dispute resolution.

Cleary’s lawyers work together seamlessly across offices to provide clients with cutting-edge service in all areas of antitrust law and dispute resolution, including:

- Follow-on and standalone damages claims
- Appeals against European Commission and national competition authority decisions
- Government investigations, including cartels
- Commercial and investor-State arbitrations

Our international arbitration clients depend on us to handle the most complex issues, including in particular those involving issues related to antitrust.

Examples of successful cross-border coordination between our international arbitration and antitrust teams include:

- EDF in an international arbitration seated in Switzerland involving claims under EU State aid law seeking damages of ca. EUR 800 million. Achieved dismissal of all claims and award of costs in excess of EUR 5.5 million.
- SKY Italia in successfully defeating a claim in the only reported EU merger remedy arbitration culminating in an award. The dispute related to the exploitation of certain media rights under Italian and EU law and concerned a competitor’s claim that SKY Italia’s exploitation of its media rights relating to the 2010 FIFA World Cup amounted to a breach of the commitments NewsCorp had given to the EU Commission when acquiring the Italian pay-TV business known as Telepiù.
- OAO Gazprom in an UNCITRAL arbitration brought against the Republic of Lithuania under the Russia-Lithuania BIT concerning the forced divestiture of AB Lietuvos Dujos’ natural gas transmission operations and assets in the context of the EU gas market reform. The successful resolution involved the purchase of the investment by State-owned companies.
- A leading telecom and technology company in a FRAND dispute governed by English law with a significant SEP holder.
- Sony in the successful defense of a competition damages claim by Microsoft Mobile relating to rechargeable lithium-ion batteries.

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### International Arbitration Practice Group of the Year

Law360, 2018

### Ranked Band 1 in Competition/Antitrust

Chambers Europe-Wide, 2019

### Top Global Arbitration Firm

Global Arbitration Review, 2018



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