

DOUGLAS COCHRAN

Year of call: 2012

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Arbitration Banking & Finance Commercial Litigation
Company EU & Competition Law Insolvency Partnership
Procurement Professional Negligence Real Estate Litigation
Technology & Construction



EU & Competition Law

Before joining chambers, Doug studied economics before working for the Competition Commission (a predecessor body to the Competition & Markets Authority), providing research and litigation support.

Doug provides specialist advice to both private parties and public bodies on competition law matters. He presently provides ongoing competition advice to a major UK regulator and has assisted in their investigation of breaches of the Competition Act. He recently appeared as junior Counsel (led by Martin Budworth) before the Vice Chancellor resisting an application to strike out allegations of Competition Act breaches.

Doug has spoken at seminars on Competition law topics on a number of occasions, including at the 'Super Strength Summit' in Birmingham, where he highlighted the competition law risks in local authority initiatives to regulate super strength alcohol.

Doug is particularly eager to receive instructions pertinent to:

- CMA merger inquiries and market investigations
- Appeals to the Competition Appeal Tribunal
- Competition law queries with a substantial economics element

Profile

Doug has a wide-ranging commercial and chancery practice, with particular specialisms in the fields of insolvency (corporate and personal), contractual disputes, and competition law.

Additionally, Doug routinely accepts instructions pertaining to national non-domestic rates.

Doug holds an LLM (First Class) from Cambridge University. His LLM papers were the law of restitution, commercial equity, intellectual property, and jurisprudence. During his undergraduate legal studies at Cambridge, Doug was awarded a Senior Exhibition by Emmanuel College for academic merit and the George Long Prize for the highest mark in jurisprudence in Cambridge University.

During his time at university, Doug won over twenty intervarsity debating competitions, including the John Smith Memorial Mace (formerly the Observer Mace). He reached the semi-finals of the World Universities Debating Championships on three occasions. Prior to commencing pupillage, Doug worked for the UK Competition Commission as a Legal Researcher, conducting legal research relevant to the market investigations and merger inquiries conducted by the Commission.

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Memberships

Northern Circuit

Northern Commercial Chancery Bar Association

Qualifications

LLM (Commercial Law) Cambridge University (Emmanuel College) (2010-2011)

BA (Law) Cambridge University (Emmanuel College) (2008-2010)

MA (Economics and International Relations) University of St Andrews (2004-2008)

Awards

Astbury Scholarship, Middle Temple (2011)

Rodwell Prize, Emmanuel College (2011)

George Long Prize in Jurisprudence, Cambridge University (2010)

Senior Exhibition Award, Emmanuel College (2010)