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Dr Beverley Williamson specialises in competition law, sports law and general commercial matters. Her experience encompasses both contentious and advisory work, with a particular focus on complex regulatory and market-based disputes.

Beverley holds a PhD in competition law and has substantial experience at both enforcement and advisory level. She previously served as Head of Unit for Antitrust Investigations for a national competition authority, where she led complex investigations into alleged infringements of competition law, including cartel conduct, abuse of dominance and Phase 2 merger investigations.

Beverley has also worked as a specialist competition advisor at a tier 1 corporate law firm in Dublin, advising on EU and domestic competition matters across multiple sectors. Her experience includes merger control, State aid, public procurement, abuse of dominance and antitrust, including one of the European Commission's earliest investigations into alleged labour market collusion.

She is also the founder of the [European League of Sports Antitrust](#), an organisation that brings together leading practitioners and academics working in competition law and sport, and is a regular speaker at international conferences on competition law and sports regulation.

Since joining Kings Chambers, Beverley has developed a broad and steadily expanding practice in general commercial matters. She has experience advising and representing clients across a range of disputes, including contractual claims, debt recovery and business-to-business litigation.

## Expertise

### Competition Law

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### Sport

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### Commercial Litigation

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## Memberships

- Women in Sports Law
- La Ligue internationale du Droit de la Concurrence
- International Sports Lawyer Association

## Qualifications

- University of Liverpool, BA(Hons) Law
- University of Northumbria, Bar Vocational Course
- University of Newcastle, PhD Competition Law

## Publications

### Academic Papers

- *Is it finally time for competition law to tackle Premiership rugby?* (under review, Competition Law Review)
- *Quantum Competition and Supermassive Monopolies* (under review) Early draft available at SSRN: [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=5218367](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=5218367)
- *The ECN+ Directive, Successive Liability and Mergers: an unintended source of leniency applications?* (2024) E.C.L.R. 45(7) 317
- *A Hypothetical Hermès Case: a preliminary antitrust thought experiment by a luxury handbag lover* (2024) SSRN: available [here](#)
- *Declining Leniency Applications, Third Party Damages Claims and Liability Insurance: rebalancing the decision to apply for leniency* (2021) SSRN: available [here](#)
- *Incentivising Compliance with Competition Law: could insurance be the answer?* (2021) 42(4) European Competition Law Review 177
- *Professional Rugby Union: though the antitrust looking glass* (2015) 11(1) Competition Law Review 41

### Co-authored professional articles

- [The EU Artificial Intelligence Act, and what it may mean for competition law](#) (24 November 2023)
- [The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission's new Administrative Leniency Policy is now active](#) (18 October 2023)
- [The Competition \(Amendment\) Act 2022: A new Administrative Enforcement Regime](#) (06 October 2023)