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Nicola Boyle

Nicola Boyle has been instrumental in developing the firm's competition practice in London having joined Hausfeld shortly after its launch in 2009.

Expertise

Nicola's expertise lies in acting on large-scale follow-on cartel damages claims for affected businesses from across Europe, often multi-jurisdictional in nature, including most recently claims against Mastercard and Visa in London, and damages actions in a number of other European jurisdictions. She has also advised individual and multiple claimants on rights of redress in consumer and financial service claims. A keen proponent of alternative dispute resolution, she has successfully resolved a number of complex multi-party disputes outside of the courts. She has also advised on a number of regulatory investigations and judicial review proceedings.

Clients

Nicola has represented multi-nationals, private businesses and individual claimants in a wide range of disputes, in particular in the energy and financial services sectors.

She was previously at McGrigors.

PRACTICE AREAS

Competition Litigation

Nicola has acted on a number of significant follow-on cartel damages claims on behalf of claimants from across Europe and a number of which have helped develop the law in this area.

Most notably:

- Claims against Mastercard in relation to interchange fees on both cross-border and domestic transactions in 18 European countries on behalf of over 1000 operating entities in 8 corporate groups. Nicola led the Hausfeld legal team in proceedings which spanned claims in both the High Court and Competition Tribunal including a preliminary issue trial and interlocutory appeals to the Court of Appeal on issues of applicable law and relation back.
- Representing vertical search engine Foundem in its claim against Google for abuse of dominance in relation to comparison shopping services.
- Acting for a UK retailer in claims in the High Court against manufacturers of Copper Tubes and Copper Fittings

- Acting for a cross-European group of candle manufacturers and other wax purchasers in follow-on claims against paraffin wax producers
- Acting for a group of poultry producers in claims brought in the Competition Appeal Tribunal relating to price-fixing of feed phosphates and methionine
- Assisting clients in settlement dialogues in portfolio cartel claims arising from decisions of the European Commission and number of domestic competition authorities.

Commercial Disputes

Consumer Claims

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Chambers UK

Chambers UK continues to rank Nicola as a leading lawyer and has done so for a number of consecutive years: "Nicola Boyle handles UK follow-on damages cases for large claimant groups. She has a wider practice that extends to the defence of complainants' interests in CJEU appeals against EC decisions." - *Competition Law: Private Enforcement: Claimant, 2020*

Nicola Boyle acts for a number of international companies on claims for damages arising from cartel and abuse of dominance decisions. She has represented clients before the competition authorities in several European countries. Interviewees say: 'Nicola is excellent at getting everything done and making sure things work smoothly'. - *Competition Law: Private Enforcement: Claimant, 2019, Chambers Europe 2019 and Chambers Global Guide 2019*

Nicola is an excellent lawyer and a real fighter for her clients. She spots problems in advance and shows how to deal with them. - *Competition Law: Private Enforcement: Claimant, 2018*

Nicola is regarded an expert in damages claims with experience in the financial services and industrial sectors. Clients describe her as 'very hands-on, knows the cases well and has a good eye for detail'. - *Competition Litigation: Competition Law Private Enforcement: Claimant, 2017*

Nicola Boyle has been highlighted as a notable practitioner in the field. Nicola has that rare quality of being able to grasp every detail of a case whilst still maintaining a clear strategic overview. she is an experienced top-quality litigator who combines expert competition knowledge with a sound, pragmatic approach. - *Competition Litigation: Competition Law Private Enforcement: Claimant, 2016*

Chambers Europe & Chambers Global

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Legal 500

Legal 500 mentions Nicola Boyle as 'highly recommended'. - *Competition Litigation, 2020*

'An excellent legal mind' - *Competition Litigation, 2019*

Nicola is acknowledged for acting as co-counsel for numerous entities in the interchange fee litigation. – *Competition Litigation 2018*

'Enthusiastic and highly competent litigator.' – *Competition Litigation, 2015*

Who's Who Legal

Nicola Boyle is an acclaimed competition plaintiff expert in the European market. She wins recommendations from her peers and clients for her practice, which focuses on representing groups in follow-on cartel damage matters. – *Global Leader 2019, Competition Plaintiffs*

Nicola was mentioned among 'Thought Leaders Global Elite' in the 2019 edition of Who's Who Legal Thought Leaders – Competition 2019'.

Nicola was mentioned for her 'exceptional performance' in the 'Who's Who Legal 2018 Plaintiffs Chapter', calling the European offices "stand out...leading firm in the European market".

EDUCATION

Legal Practice Course, Nottingham Law School
LLM (focusing on EU environmental law), University of Birmingham
LLB (Honours), University of Birmingham
B.A., University of Birmingham

BAR ADMISSIONS

Solicitor, England and Wales

AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

The Law Society of England & Wales

Nicola previously taught an undergraduate course in European law at the University of Birmingham.

She also participated in the Competition Appeal Tribunal working group on the implementation of the UK Consumer Rights Act and the European Damages Directive.

PUBLICATIONS

Nicola regularly authors publications which are accessible via the respective sections below.

IN THE NEWS

January 21, 2020

WWL 2020 Competition Plaintiff Credits Hausfeld As Only Firm With 5 Thought Leaders

October 10, 2019

Excellent 2020 Rankings For Competition And Banking Litigation By Chambers UK

September 27, 2019

Legal 500 UK Continues To Rank Hausfeld In All Its Core Practice Areas

January 28, 2019

Five Hausfeld Lawyers Recognised as Thought Leaders for Competition by Who's Who Legal

January 24, 2019

Four Hausfeld Clients Granted Permission to Intervene in EC's Google Search (Shopping) Decision Appeal

November 1, 2018

Excellent Chambers UK Rankings for Hausfeld in both Competition and Banking Litigation

EVENTS

October 1, 2016

Anthony Maton and Nicola Boyle speak at GCR Live 8th Annual Competition Litigation in London

May 19, 2015

Hausfeld hosts Seminar on New Collective Redress Regime for SMEs

March 9, 2015

Nicola Boyle speaks at IBA Annual Litigation Forum in Paris

November 10, 2014

Nicola Boyle speaks at White & Case's Autumn Seminars "Risks in a recovering market" in London

October 1, 2014

Anthony Maton co-chairs the GCR Live 6th Annual Competition Litigation Conference in London

ARTICLES

August 23, 2019

Two-Sided Markets: Competition Law In Europe

August 6, 2019

Collective Actions - The Power of Plastic

May 15, 2019

Certification Recast: Court of Appeal's Judgment in Merricks v Mastercard Provides Important Guidance for UK's Infant Collective Actions Regime

April 26, 2019

Broadening the Private Enforcement of Consumer Law: the EU's Proposed Directive on Representative Actions

March 8, 2018

"The Battle for Waterloo" – Interchange claims to be determined under 18 national laws of the claimants rather than Belgian law

July 27, 2017

Competition Appeal Tribunal Dismisses UK's Second Opt-Out Claim

PERSPECTIVES

April 3, 2019

Google AdSense: the EC's 3rd Infringement Decision against Google