

Iestyn Williams

General Overview

Iestyn is a Partner at RBB Economics and has worked as an economic consultant since 1998. Before this he was a lecturer in economics at Southampton University. He has an undergraduate degree in economics from Cambridge University and an MSc in Econometrics and Mathematical Economics and a PhD from the London School of Economics.

In addition to work for private sector clients across a range of competition settings, he has also provided economic advice and training for a number of competition agencies.

Experience

Iestyn's merger experience includes EC cases as well as transactions investigated by national competition authorities, notably the OFT and Competition Commission in the UK. P&O Princess Cruises, CVRD, and Sainsbury's are among the companies he has assisted during merger investigations.

As well as work on cartel cases, he has advised clients on a range of other economic matters covered by European Article 81 or UK Chapter I provisions. He has particular expertise in the economics of vertical relationships, and work in this area has included advice on distribution arrangements and the application of block exemptions. Previous cases also include those involving claims of abuse of dominance.

He has also worked on a number of market investigations, particularly in the utilities sector, including telecoms and postal cases, as well as on competition issues arising from liberalisation in the energy sector. His experience includes assistance for British Energy during the referral of OFGEM's proposed Market Abuse Licence Condition to the Competition Commission, as well as projects for the OFT, and OPTA and the NMa in the Netherlands.

Sector Experience

In addition to his utilities work, Iestyn's experience covers a broad range of industries including iron ore, zinc, stainless steel sheets, tubes, and fittings, cylinders, railway equipment, cruises, motor car retailing, medical software, payment systems, conveyancing services, professional journal publishing, vegetable oil refining, flavour enhancers, and beer.

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