

Benoît Durand

General Overview

Benoît Durand is a partner at RBB Economics, which he joined in 2008. Benoît has extensive experience in competition economics; particularly in applying quantitative techniques in the context of competition law investigation. Prior to joining RBB, he was Director of Economic Analysis at the UK's Competition Commission. Before that he was also a member of the Chief Economist Office at the Directorate General for Competition at the European Commission. He was previously based in Washington DC, USA, where he worked in private practice. Benoît received his Ph.D. in economics from Boston College, USA.

Benoît has given oral evidence before the European Commission, the OFT and the French Competition Authority. He has also advised the Competition Commission of Singapore on various investigations.

He speaks regularly at competition policy conferences and has published articles on competition economics issues. He also teaches a course on competition economics at HEC, Paris.

Experience

Benoît has worked on a vast range of competition cases, including numerous merger reviews, abuse of dominant position, horizontal and vertical agreement investigations, and market inquiries.

During his employment at the UK's Competition Commission, he led the economic analysis of the Groceries market Investigation in the UK. He was also the economics director of the Payment and Protection Insurance market Investigation as well as several in-depth merger investigations.

While working at the European Commission he was involved in several high profile competition cases involving among others AirFrance, Adidas, Blackstone, Coca-Cola, FranceTelecom, GE, Inco, Johnson&Johnson, Lufthansa, Microsoft, and Sun. He also contributed to the EC Horizontal Merger Guidelines and the Review of Article 102.

Sector Experience

Benoît has worked on a large number of competition policy cases covering a wide range of sectors including air transport, branded consumer products, broadband, chemicals, financial services, groceries, magazines, medical equipments and devices, manufacturing, metals, mining, paper, pharmaceuticals, retailing and wholesaling, shipping, software, and TV.

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