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Claire Shepherd is a partner in the Antitrust and Competition practice group of Gibson Dunn, based in the London office.

Claire's practice spans the full spectrum of contentious and non-contentious UK and EU antitrust matters, including mergers, behavioural investigations and appeals, antitrust related litigation and other competition compliance issues. She has particular expertise in navigating antitrust and foreign investment / national security regimes on high-profile, complex and politically sensitive global transactions, and advising on antitrust and digital markets frameworks and regulatory engagement in the technology space.

Claire advises corporate and private capital clients across a wide range of industry sectors, including in particular AI, technology and digital services, aerospace and defence, consumer products and services, entertainment and media, and financial services.

Claire speaks on a range of EU and UK antitrust and foreign investment issues, and has completed secondments at large technology, entertainment and consumer services firms.

Representative experience includes advising:*

- **VMware** on the European Commission and CMA in-depth antitrust reviews of its $69 billion acquisition by **Broadcom**
- **Inflection AI** on the antitrust review and regulatory engagement of its precedent setting strategic license and hire transaction with **Microsoft**
- Several of the largest **global technology firms** on various strategic acquisitions and investments
- **Macquarie Rotorcraft** on the UK antitrust review of its acquisition by **SMFL LCI Helicopters Limited**
- **Airbus** on its acquisition of **Unical Aviation**
- **News Corp** on its sale of Foxtel to, and acquisition of a minority stake in, **DAZN**
- A **household brand in the consumer products sector** on the antitrust review and regulatory engagement of its acquisition of a European competitor
- **ArcelorMittal** on its $1 billion acquisition of a strategic stake in **Vallourec**
- **Xylem** on its $7.5 billion acquisition of **Evoqua**
- A **major global financial institution** on EU cartel investigations and a subsequent appeal to the EU Courts
- Japanese smart card chip producer **Renesas** in a combined follow on and standalone damages claim brought in the High Court by **Vodafone** in connection with the EU Smart Card Chips cartel decision

Capabilities

Antitrust and Competition
Aerospace and Defense
Artificial Intelligence
Consumer Protection
International Trade Advisory and Enforcement

Credentials

Education

BPP Law School - 2012 Legal Practice Course

University of Nottingham - 2010 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

England & Wales - Solicitor

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- **Micro Focus International** on its $8.8 billion merger with Hewlett Packard Enterprise's software business

**Some of these representations occurred prior to Claire's association with Gibson Dunn.*

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