

# Representative Legal Matters

Francesca Richmond

## **Commercial, competition and class action litigation**

- Leading defence for a British multinational bank of civil claims for damage following on from regulatory investigations on FX, including bundled claims pursued by 174 funds in the High Court and two opt out class actions in the UK.
- Defended a global cosmetics manufacturer and distributor on challenge to selective distribution agreement brought by aspirant distributor and pursuit of ancillary debt claim.
- Acting for a global automotive parts manufacturer in defending claims across the UK, Germany, Italy, Sweden and the Netherlands following on from regulatory investigations in respect of car parts.
- Defending an EU manufacturer of technical and comfort foam on claims following on from a settlement with the European Commission.
- Acting for a global electronics manufacturer on defence of claims following on from regulatory investigations in respect of microchips.
- Lead advisor to one of five defendants to a High Court follow-on action for damages by tire manufacturers in respect of the Butadiene Rubber cartel - including litigation of an "Italian torpedo".
- Advised a European medical devices manufacturer on contentious competition litigation strategy and securing supply from a dominant upstream manufacturer.

## **Regulatory investigations and enforcement**

- Advised Facebook on the appeal of sanctions imposed by the UK Information Commissioner on grounds of fairness and interpretation of law in respect of Cambridge Analytica sanction.
- Advised a global social media platform in relation to alleged misuse of 86 million users' data and defence of regulatory investigations on data privacy, consumer and competition breaches across 36 jurisdictions.
- Acted for a global investment bank in coordinating intensive audit over a two year period of all business areas and 5,500 employees - including follow up investigation and reporting on a number of regulatory matters arising from that work to UK and EU authorities.



- Advised a US/UK industrial goods manufacturer on audit and investigation of cultural and regulatory issues extending to systems and controls to manage integrity, harassment and bullying as well as recommended remediation and training arising from that work.
- Acted on behalf of a major mobile telephone network operator in the judicial review of the European Roaming Regulation and resulting preliminary reference to the Court of Justice of the European Union.
- Acted for a lottery operator on judicial review of the lawfulness of local lottery operations.
- Acted for BACTA (UK trade association for gambling operators) on the judicial review of aspects of the licensing regime for betting terminals.

#### **Ethics, human rights and compliance**

- Advising a global social media platform on its responsibility for and approach to content hosted by the platform, including its policy on handling hate speech or activity that potentially may influence political process and approach to contemplated changes to that policy.
- Advising clients across sectors on corporate social responsibility, ethics and human rights considerations - including monitoring and auditing effective implementation of policies, recommending remediation to address alleged regulatory infringements and defence of mass litigation brought by activist shareholders or NGOs.
- Advising clients on the application of section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 to their group companies - including creation of annual statements and due diligence on supply chains.
- Advised a global drinks manufacturer on potential public and EU law challenges to alteration to the laws on sale of alcoholic beverages.
- Advised a major food manufacturer on potential public and EU law challenges to restrictions of advertising of foods that are high in fat, salt and sugar.