

JORREN KNIBBE

CALL: 2005

"Recommended for public procurement matters"
Legal 500 2020



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Jorren specialises in commercial and regulatory litigation, including competition, data protection and public procurement.

Jorren has spent time working as an employed barrister in a top-20 UK law firm, and is recognised for his client-friendly approach and understanding of business objectives.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial
 - Competition & State Aid
 - Public Procurement
 - Data Protection
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COMMERCIAL

Jorren's past cases include:

- Representing the successful applicant for pre-action disclosure in relation to use of enterprise grant scheme funds (Bristol Commercial Court, 2018)
 - Representing the defendant in a 3-day trial of a claim for breach of a hospital parking contract
 - Advising a local authority on its defence of a quantum meruit claim for services provided during failed post-award negotiations for a public contract
 - Advising an NHS body on its defence of a claim for wrongful termination of a services contract
 - Representing a logistics services provider in its defence of a wrongful termination claim by a warehouse operator, achieving pre-trial drop-hands settlement (junior to Hugh Sims QC)
 - Representing a tech startup in commercial fraud and breach of contract claims against its VC investors (junior to Hugh Sims QC)
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COMPETITION & STATE AID

Jorren's experience includes:

Vertical and horizontal cooperation

- Design and implementation of a selective distribution system complying with EU competition laws, on behalf of a global electronics manufacturer
- Advising on competition law aspects of cooperation between institutional shareholders in the context of a company dispute
- Advising on joint tendering and consortium bids between competitors for large-scale public contracts

Mergers

- Acting for the purchaser in the successful merger notification in HPI/CarweB
- Obtaining Phase II clearance on the basis of a successful failing firm defence in Optimax/Ultralase
- Advising on definition of online television product markets in Project Kangaroo

State aid

- Advising on the structuring of Government subsidies to support climate change targets
- Advising on State aid compliance in a corporate support package provided by a German regional investment bank
- Advising on the structuring of two public/private town centre regeneration projects to avoid unlawful State aid
- Advising on State aid compliance in charity grant applications

Intellectual property agreements

- Advising on the competition law compliance of a suite of research and development cooperation agreements to enable future high-tech manufacturing
- Advising on a medical research collaboration and allocations of future IP rights
- Advising on the compatibility with EU competition law of an international dispute settlement regarding chemical patents

Publications

- Abuse of dominance and Speed Medical v Secretary of State for Justice [2016] ECLR 173
- Selective Distribution and the ECJ's Judgment in Pierre Fabre [2012] ECLR 450
- Emerald Supplies v British Airways [2010] ECLR 139

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

Jorren's experience includes:

- Defending NHS procurement decisions in relation to construction, healthcare services
 - Challenging a Ministry of Defence award of an engineering services contract; local authority awards in social care, construction, school catering; a utility company award in relation to pipeline supplies; NHS awards in diagnostic services, catering
 - Advising a local authority on variations to the operation and financing of an existing waste project
 - Preparing tender procedures and contract documentation for a local authority insurance procurement
 - Advising on public authority cooperation arrangements in healthcare, tourism, software development
 - Advising a healthcare managed services provider on amendments to existing framework agreement terms
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DATA PROTECTION

Jorren's experience includes:

- Designing GDPR compliance programs in the professional services, charity, technology sectors – including data audit, privacy notices, internal procedures, processor agreements
 - Advising a UK cloud storage provider on its response to a data breach
 - Representing an electronics manufacturer defending a breach of privacy claim, leading to pre-action settlement
 - Advising a UK accountancy firm on its response to a subject access request (including search and presentation of results) following challenge from the ICO
 - Developing an innovative service solution and risk management framework for a GDPR Article 27 representative
 - Co-presenting Law Society podcasts on GDPR implementation and on the impact of Brexit on data protection
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RECOMMENDATIONS

LEGAL 500 2020

Public Law

"Recommended for public procurement matters."

CHAMBERS UK 2019

Competition Law

Particularly active in the fields of state aid and distribution agreements. He also advises on cases concerning merger control. Knibbe represents clients before domestic and European authorities, and often assists clients based in Germany. "He is very approachable and fitted into our team well."

LEGAL 500 2019

Public Law

Very personable and client-friendly.

CHAMBERS UK 2018

Competition law - The regions

Leading Junior - Band 2

Particularly active in the fields of state aid and distribution agreements. He also advises on cases concerning merger control and abuse of dominance.

Strengths: "He has in-depth knowledge of state aid law and knows how the law applies to the client's project, so he can give helpful advice and guidance."

LEGAL 500 2017

Public Law

Leading juniors

'A diplomatic barrister with expertise in public law matters.'

CHAMBERS UK 2017

Competition/European Law

Leading Junior - Band 2

Former solicitor at Osborne Clark, recently returned to the Bar, who advises on the full range of competition law.

Strengths: "He has provided first-class advice and support."

LEGAL 500 2016

Public Law

Leading juniors

'Practical, clear and concise.'

LEGAL 500 2015

Public Law

Leading juniors

'He balances strong intellect with good client-handling skills.'

EDUCATION:

- BVC (City University, London): Outstanding (rank 2nd)
 - Junior Scarman Prize (City University); Baron Dr Ver Heyden de Lancey Prize (Middle Temple); Ede & Ravenscroft Legal Prize; Diplock Scholar (Middle Temple); Finalist, Middle Temple mooted competition
 - LLM German Law (Universität Konstanz): 1,6 (equiv: distinction)
 - BA Law with Law Studies in Europe (Hertford College, Oxford): 2:1
 - Littleton Chambers Prize for Labour Law
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RECENT NEWS

- White Paper on the Brexit Great Repeal Bill - some points of interest
 - New amendments to the costs limits for environmental claims
 - Guildhall Chambers quiz night goes down a "sturm" - September 2015
 - Breakfast Bites Seminar: Viability assessments and challenges to planning decisions - April 2015
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