

# European Disputes, Regulatory & Compliance

Winston is one of the world's leaders in litigation and dispute resolution. Our team in Europe have a proven track record of advising on complex and high-value disputes and investigations on behalf of clients across a wide range of sectors. Our multi-lingual and multi-qualified European team represents clients in many of the most important litigation centers in Europe, and we provide seamless representation in multi-jurisdictional matters. With the assistance of our global network, we deliver advice quickly wherever the dispute takes place.

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## Areas of Focus

### **Commercial Disputes**

Corporate and commercial litigation is a risk to any business, and our lawyers help clients mitigate these risks. We have significant experience litigating, arbitrating, and resolving all types of corporate and commercial disputes across many sectors, including cross-jurisdictional litigation, multi-party actions, appellate proceedings, and follow-on actions from regulatory investigations.

Learn more about our firmwide Litigation practice.

### **International Arbitration**

Our International Arbitration team represents clients in international arbitrations around the world in both commercial and investor-state international arbitrations. Our integrated team of attorneys enforces awards worldwide, knows every angle of international disputes, and has a robust understanding of our client's industries.

Learn more about our firmwide International Arbitration practice.

### Banking, Financial & Securities Disputes

Our lawyers have significant experience with banking, finance, and securities dispute resolution. We act for clients around the world, often in complex financial disputes. We have a depth of experience and operate with a clear understanding of the underlying transactions and financial products. Our dedicated team has developed a comprehensive knowledge of the market and the relevant laws and regulations, which allows us to achieve the best possible results for our clients.

### Energy, Construction & Infrastructure Disputes

We work with our energy clients at every stage of the supply chain to mitigate risk and develop commercially effective strategies to resolve disputes across a range of industries, including renewables, oil and gas, utilities, and power. Our lawyers routinely advise on complex, high-value, cross border disputes arising from all types of contracts, including joint venture agreements, product-sharing agreements, long-term sales and transportation agreements, as well as investment-treaty disputes.

## Competition & Regulatory Advice

We have extensive experience advising both private and governmental entities in connection with European state-aid clearances, analyzing state-aid aspects of proposed projects and responding to alleged breaches of state-aid rules. We are routinely involved in some of the leading cases at both the European and the national levels. We represent clients before the European Commission (EC) and the European community and national courts as to the provision and recovery of state aid.

We regularly advise companies that discover unlawful cartel activity both internally (e.g., through a "whistleblower" or routine audit) and from external sources (e.g., via a "dawn raid" or another company's disclosure). We know that a company's acts—particularly at an investigation's outset—often have a significant bearing on the case's outcome. Our team provides competition and regulatory counseling for all corporate transactions, including M&A and joint ventures. We regularly obtain EU Merger Regulation clearances and coordinate multi-jurisdictional notifications through our global offices and strong relationships with local counsel, providing clients with seamless, integrated service. We extensively advise on feasibility assessments and merger-control arbitrage for interested third parties on likely merger-control outcomes.



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