

Susan Bright

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Biography

Susan Bright is our UK Managing Partner and also the firm's Global Managing Partner for Diversity & Inclusion and Responsible Business.

Susan is passionate about client service, innovation, diversity & inclusion and responsible business. She opened the firm's first Legal Services Centre (in Birmingham) in 2015 and launched our new office in Johannesburg in 2019. She has led our Brexit taskforce for many years. Under her leadership, the firm has been recognised as one of the top 10 most innovative law firms in Europe for five consecutive years. She is a champion for diversity & inclusion, including the promotion of women through sponsorship, embedding agile working and fair allocation of work. She also leads a project to retain and promote our BAME talent, introduced an innovative "Respect" programme to embed a culture free from bullying and harassment and leads our work on physical and mental wellbeing.

Susan previously led the firm's global competition practice for seven years and, under her leadership, it became recognised as one of the top practices globally. As an antitrust/competition lawyer, Susan helps clients deal with some of the most complex and stressful issues they face, such as intrusive investigations by



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Languages

English

Practices

Antitrust and Competition

Investigations, White Collar, and Fraud

Crisis Leadership Team

Climate Change

Industries

Financial Institutions

regulators. For more than 25 years, she honed her skills in Brussels, Washington, D.C., and London. Those years taught her that a global strategy is a must and Susan regularly works with colleagues around the world to provide a single coordinated response. Susan works with clients in a range of industries, including financial services, insurance, transportation and consumer goods. As a Solicitor Advocate, she works with clients in related litigation, including damages claims—now a feature of most antitrust investigations.

The Lawyer counts Susan among the "Hot 100" and *Legal Business* calls her one of the "50 Most Influential Women in Law". She is on the Board of the City Mental Health Alliance, a Council Member of the Heart of the City, on the Advisory Board of the Thomson Reuters "Transforming Women's Leadership in Law" programme and a member of the Covid-19 Business Pledge steering committee. Susan was a founding member of the Competition Law Forum, part of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL). She was a Trustee of BIICL for six years.

Representative experience

Advising on Mirror Group's acquisition of Midland Independent Newspapers and Mirror Group's merger with Trinity to form Trinity Mirror.

Advising Ellerman Investments (ultimately controlled by Sir David and Sir Frederick Barclay) on various acquisitions, including the acquisition of The Telegraph Group and of Littlewoods plc.

Advising South African Breweries on several transactions, including its US\$5.6bn acquisition of Miller Brewing Company, involving merger notifications in numerous countries under a tight timetable.

Advising Linpac Group Limited on its completed acquisition of McKechnie Paxton Holdings Limited, obtaining an unconditional clearance following a UK

Consumer

Diversified Industrials

Areas of focus

Abuse of Dominance and Restrictive Practices

Agency Investigations

Antitrust and Competition Litigation

Brexit

Cartel Investigations

Dawn Raids

Competition Compliance

Leniency Applications

Merger Control

Financial Services Regulatory Investigations and Enforcement

Education and admissions

Education

University of Oxford, Somerville College, 1991

Memberships

American Bar Association Antitrust Section

British Institute of International and Comparative Law, Competition Law Forum

The Law Society

Competition Commission investigation.

Acting for Guardian Media Group on its acquisitions of jazz fm and Trader Media Group Limited.

Acting for the International Group of P&I Clubs, obtaining an individual exemption for the Group's pooling and rating agreements.

Advised a syndicate of banks on the capital reorganization of New Star Asset Management.

Advising on the competition and regulatory aspects of the part privatization of National Air Traffic Services Limited, including advising extensively on the charge control regime.

Advising Stansted Airport in relation to the Civil Aviation Authority's market power assessment, securing the deregulation of Stansted.

Representing one of the Big 4 accountancy firms in relation to a market investigation into the supply of audit services to large companies.

Advising a major financial institution on the competition law aspects of multiple LIBOR investigations being handled by regulatory and antitrust agencies in various jurisdictions around the world.

Advising a major credit card company on the Competition Commission's market investigation into payment protection insurance.

Acting for MasterCard UK Members Forum Limited and its members on the OFT's interchange fees investigation, and the successful appeal against the OFT's decision to the Competition Appeal Tribunal.

Advising a consortium of clients in relation to the defence of damages claims brought in the High Court based on alleged competition law infringements relating to card payments.

City Mental Health Alliance,
Non-Executive Director

Transforming Women's Leadership
in Law, member of the Advisory
Board

Bar admissions and qualifications

Solicitor, England and Wales

Solicitor, Republic of Ireland

Accolades

'Clients describe as 'practical,
user-friendly and efficient'

Chambers 2015

Advised SABMiller on its successful appeal of a decision by the Tanzanian Competition Commission concerning bottle pooling and branding agreements.

Awards and rankings

- Leading Individual, EU and competition, *Legal 500*, 2020
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- Acritas Star, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated Lawyers*, 2019-2020
- Competition Law (UK), *Chambers Global*, 2018-2020
- Competition, *Who's Who Legal*, 2017-2019
- Winner of the FT Innovative Lawyers Europe award for Business of Law: Strategy and Changing Behaviours, 2017
- Best Woman Solicitor managing a large practice, *Law Society Association of Women Solicitors*, 2009
- Winner of the Legal Business Award for Competition Team of the Year, 2007
- 50 most influential women in law, *Legal Business*, 2007

Latest thinking and events

- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells raises the bar for Corporate Social Responsibility
- Press Releases
 - Upcoming Brexit Meaningful Vote – comment from Hogan Lovells
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells welcomes UK Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution
- Insights
 - Strengthening the defences: the new UK national security investment screening regime

- Press Releases

- Hogan Lovells appoints two new members to Diversity & Inclusion Americas leadership team

- Awards and Rankings

- Hogan Lovells ranked Top 20 employer in 2020 Social Mobility Employer Index