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Areas of Practice

Antitrust & Competition

Cartel/Price-Fixing

EU Competition

Renewable & Alternative
Energy

Languages

English

French

Education

Georgetown University
Law Center, LL.M. *with
honors*, 2001

Université libre de
Bruxelles, Law Degree,
magna cum laude, 1998

Université Catholique de
Louvain, B.A. in Political
Sciences and International
Relations, *cum laude*, 1995

Bar & Court Admissions

New York

Brussels

Yves Botteman

Yves Botteman is a partner in the Brussels office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP. He focuses his practice on competition law.

Mr. Botteman represents global and European businesses before the European Commission and national competition authorities in relation to antitrust violations (including cartels and abuses of monopoly position) and merger control.

He also advises clients on competition issues arising from IP settlement agreements, patent and know-how licensing, distribution, R&D and other specialization agreements between undertakings. Mr. Botteman assists clients in implementing antitrust compliance programs.

With more than 10 years of experience in Brussels and Washington, Mr. Botteman has gained substantial exposure to industries as diverse as construction materials, chemicals, automotive, industrial gases, medical devices and hygiene products, carton packaging, and enterprise software.

Mr. Botteman is a regular speaker on the competition law aspects of IP licensing.

Prior to joining Steptoe, he was a senior associate at a leading global law firm in Brussels.

Noteworthy

- Recommended by *Legal 500 EMEA* for Competition 2012

Representative Matters

- Advising Japan Airlines in relation to the creation of a joint venture with BA on Europe/Japan destinations.
- Representing Japan Airlines in the EC probe into international passenger services between Europe and Japan.
- Representing a French-based engineering group as complainant in the EC abuse of dominant position investigation against a global mining conglomerate.
- Acting for an Asian airline in the Commission's investigation into price-fixing in the air cargo sector.
- Representing a leading global energy services supplier in securing merger control clearances in relation to the sale of minority shareholdings in Poland and the Czech Republic.

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- Securing Phase I clearance, with remedies, in relation to the combination of two leading premix mortar suppliers in Europe.
- Acting on behalf of a European glass maker in the Commission's cartel investigation in the flat glass and carglass industries.
- Acting on behalf of a private equity fund in relation to the EC merger control aspects of its proposed acquisition and combination of two carton packaging manufacturers.
- Representing a European-based chemical company in the Commission's cartel investigation on the European hydrogen peroxide market.
- Acting on behalf of a construction materials conglomerate on the EC merger control aspects of its acquisition of a major European plasterboard supplier.
- Advising a US-based enterprise software developer in its antitrust defense against a public take-over bid launched by its closest US rival.
- Representing clients in relation to national and multi-jurisdictional merger filings.

Select Seminars & Events

Multiple Enforcers: Global Anti-Corruption and Anti-Cartel Challenges for Compliance, Risk Management, and Crisis Handling, May 23, 2012, *(A Steptoe-Sponsored Event)*

"Minority Shareholdings and the EU Merger Regulation – Bridging the Gap?", March 16, 2012, *Global Competition Law Centre of the College of Europe*

The New Regime on Standards and Data Sharing, June 16, 2011, *(A Steptoe-Sponsored Event)*

EU Insurance Webinar - The New Insurance Block Exemption Regulation, April 12, 2010, *(A Steptoe-Sponsored Event)*

LES Benelux - Licensing Course 2009, November 16, 2009

Craig Simpson and Yves Botteman Address Belgian Chemicals Industry on REACH, September 17, 2009

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Selected Publications

"You Can't Beat the Percentage" – The Parental Liability Presumption in EU Cartel Enforcement
EU: Cartels and Leniency
2011, *The European Antitrust Review 2012 – A Global Competition Review Special Report*

Good Faith Disclosure and FRAND Commitment in the Context of Standardisation Agreements in the EU
The European Commission's New Horizontal Co-operation Guidelines
May 31, 2011, *EuroWatch*

EU Competition Briefing - Allocating Cartel Fines Among Companies of a Group
April 2011

Why The EU Gets Atty-Client Privilege Wrong
September 30, 2010, *Law360*

EU Competition Advisory - EU Rejects Extension of Attorney-Client Privilege to In-house Lawyers
September 2010

(Minimum) Resale Price Maintenance Under the New Guidelines: A Critique and A Suggestion
The CPI Antitrust Journal, June 2010 (1)
June 15, 2010

La Nouvelle Politique De Concurrence De La Commission Européenne Dans L'Assurance
May 2010, *Risk Management*

Severing Parent Liability for Cartel Infringements by Employees of Subsidiaries
CPI Antitrust Journal
April 2010, *Competition Policy International*

Professional Affiliations

Fulbright Scholar (2000)