

40 UNDER FORTY

Every five years, GCR carries out a survey to find the world's leading 40 competition lawyers under the age of 40. RACHEL BULL explains this year's results



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Age: 35

Age became partner: 35

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Practice focus

Global mergers in the software, computer, pharmaceutical and chemical industries, cartel work and antitrust counselling, as well as state aid and litigation in the European Court of Justice and Court of First Instance. Recent clients include Carlyle, Oracle and Bayer.

Past employment

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in Brussels.

Why competition?

“A global competition lawyer needs to understand how markets work, apply a fairly complex set of rules and then meld all these factors into legal advice that decision makers in companies can act on. It's fascinating.”

What trends are developing in your country?

“In competition law the most serious problems are global. Focusing on one country alone almost inevitably will ignore significant potential exposure in other jurisdictions.”