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# Helen Kelly

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## Expertise

Helen Kelly is a partner and head of the EU, Competition and Regulatory Law Group at Matheson. Helen has particular expertise in EU and Irish merger control work and has experience in dealing with large scale mergers and complex joint venture arrangements under the EU Merger Regulation as well as advising on Irish merger control issues. Helen also advises on behavioural competition issues including cartels and abuses of a dominant position. Helen has experience in dealing with complex investigations including dawn raids by the European Commission, the Consumer and Competition Protection Commission (CCPC) and other sectoral regulators as well as witness summons procedures by the CCPC. Helen has in-depth experience of state aid issues advising the State, recipients of aid and complainants. Helen also regularly advises on public procurement issues.

## Accolades

Helen Kelly is recommended.

**European Legal 500 2020**

Helen Kelly is named a leading individual.

**European Legal 500 2020**

Helen Kelly is "*helpful and wonderfully responsive*".

**European Legal 500 2020**

Helen Kelly is a "*very effective communicator of complex issues*".

**European Legal 500 2019**

Helen Kelly is named a leading individual.

**European Legal 500 2019**

Helen Kelly is recommended.

**European Legal 500 2019**

Helen Kelly is a vastly experience figure who is "*incredibly knowledgeable, very approachable and very respected*".

**Competition / European Law: Chambers Europe 2019**

Recognised for Competition Law  
**Best Lawyers Ireland 2019 edition**

*"Helen and Kate have a deep understanding and insight into the legal legislation and regulatory framework underpinning our industry. Kate and Helen are simply the best advisers in their field – they're technically excellent, results-driven and a pleasure to work with."*

**Chambers Europe 2019**

Helen Kelly is *"exceptional; she makes a difference to me"*.

**Chambers Europe 2019**

Helen Kelly is an *"energetic, straightforward, measured and direct lawyer who gives clear, serviceable advice"*.

**Chambers Europe 2019**

*"Helen Kelly is a very formidable practitioner."*

**Chambers Europe 2018**

*"Tenacious"* Helen Kelly is *"very strong in relation to regulatory matters"* and *"particularly strong on regulatory matters"*.

**European Legal 500 2018**

Helen Kelly is *"very incisive, has a very good handle of the industry and really knows her way around."*

**Chambers Europe 2018**

*Helen Kelly has been recognised by The Legal 500 as an elite leading lawyer*

**Legal 500 EMEA Hall of Fame**

Lawyer of the year (Ireland) for Competition Law

**Best Lawyers Ireland 2018 edition**

Helen Kelly is named a leading individual.

**European Legal 500 2017**

Clients say Helen is *"proactive and strategic in finding solutions to issues"*.

**Chambers Europe 2017**

Helen is the only Irish private practice lawyer to be recognised by pre-eminent antitrust and competition law publisher Global Competition Review's "100 Women in Antitrust" survey 2016.

Helen Kelly is noted for her *"meticulous knowledge of competition law"*.

**Chambers Europe 2016**

Impressed commentators describe Helen Kelly as *"staggeringly bright, dealing with the intrinsically complex area of telecoms regulation"*.

**Chambers Europe 2016**

Helen Kelly *"is very able to deliver commercial advice which will persuade those in charge of the way forward"*.

**Chambers Europe 2016**

Leading figure Helen Kelly is recommended as *"incredibly bright, hard-working and tenacious"* by market commentators

**Chambers Europe 2016**

Helen Kelly *"is very sensible and pragmatic, giving us clear and helpful commercial guidance," with "meticulous knowledge of competition law"*.

**Chambers Europe 2016**

Helen Kelly is named a leading individual.

**European Legal 500 2016**

Competition and Antitrust, and Telecoms expert

**2015 Women in Business Law**

Helen Kelly is widely regarded as one of Ireland's top telecoms lawyers, with outstanding regulatory expertise in particular.

**Chambers Europe 2015**

Sources say Helen is *"a serious player who wows with her intelligence and strategy"*.

**Chambers Europe 2015**

Helen is *"incredibly hard-working, has an excellent commercial outlook and sees things from a business perspective"*.

**Chambers Europe 2015**

Helen Kelly remains a standout figure in the Irish competition market.

**Chambers Europe 2015**

According to enthusiastic sources, Helen Kelly is *"a tower of strength in the field. She really just gets to the point and gets things done"*.

**Chambers Europe 2015**

Clients say *"she is the best in Dublin, very focused and client-friendly"*.

**Chambers Europe 2015**

Helen Kelly is named a leading individual.

**European Legal 500 2015**

Helen Kelly is *"effective and practical"*.

**European Legal 500 2015**

Competition, Public Procurement expert

**Who's Who Legal 100 2014**

Competition and Antitrust expert

**2014 Women in Business Law**

Helen Kelly is described by peers as *"very lively and enthusiastic about her work"*. She is a highly experienced lawyer, winning plaudits for her *"very good tactics in negotiations; you can't fault her"*.

**Chambers Europe 2014**

Helen Kelly is praised for her *"experience and strength at meetings"*.

**European Legal 500 2014**

*"Tactically she is incredibly astute. She is very thorough and leaves no stone unturned."*

**Chambers Europe 2013**

Helen Kelly *"is a dogged and tenacious lawyer, the person you want in your corner in a fight"*.

**Chambers Europe 2013**

Helen Kelly is "a very bright, practical, hardworking lawyer with an excellent knowledge of competition law".

**European Legal 500 2013**

Helen Kelly is appreciated for her practical and client-friendly approach.

**European Legal 500 2013**

Helen is also recognised as a leading lawyer by a number of international legal directories including **Chambers Global, European Legal 500, Euromoney Expert Guides, Who's Who Legal** and **Best Lawyers**.

## Education

Qualified as a solicitor in England and Wales (non-practising)

College of Law, York (Law Society Finals)

London School of Economics (LLM)

Trinity College Dublin (LLB)

## Related Practice Areas

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