

ACHIEVE COMPETITION LAW COMPLIANCE

Businesses increasingly recognise competition law compliance as a “must”. Shoosmiths’ experienced and highly-regarded competition law team is well-versed in working with businesses to help them identify and manage competition law risk.

COMPETITION LAW HEALTHCHECK

Aimed at businesses with little or no familiarity with competition law, our Healthcheck helps clients identify, assess and manage the competition law risks they face. One of our experts will spend a half-day on-site, taking the business through what the law means in practice and exploring with them the risks that they face. This will be followed up with a written risk assessment and recommendations for ensuring compliance.

E-LEARNING

As part of the wider suite of e-learning products that Shoosmiths offers (which includes topics such as anti-bribery and data protection), our bespoke competition law e-learning courses guide users through the critical 'dos and don'ts', providing practical guidance on how to recognise and handle situations where competition law might apply. Each course is tailored to the 'real-life' issues of the business in question, offering practical and helpful guidance to users.

FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING

Many businesses value face-to-face training since it enables staff to learn about the competition law rules in an interactive and engaging way, in an environment where they can ask questions and discuss related commercial considerations with their colleagues. We provide train numerous businesses in this way – and we consistently receive glowing feedback for the way in which we do so.

DAWN RAID PREPAREDNESS

Whilst all businesses hope never to be subject to a competition authority ‘dawn raid’, many take the precaution of putting in place procedures for handling a raid if one were to take place. We have worked with many clients to develop such procedures, so that they are ready for the unexpected, just in case. We are also well positioned to support clients in the event of a dawn raid, through our national network of offices.

COMPETITION LAW AUDITS

It is increasingly common for businesses to ‘test’ their level of compliance through targeted audits. An audit will typically involve an interrogation of email data, accompanied by staff interviews. This is often an effective way of flushing out any potential ‘issues’ (which can then be managed effectively to minimise the risk of them turning into real problems), as well as serving as a useful reminder to staff of the importance of competition law compliance.

ONGOING ADVICE & GUIDANCE

Working with businesses on an ongoing basis to help them stay safe as a matter of competition law is the bedrock of our competition team’s work. We are the ‘go to’ advisors to numerous household name businesses. We recognise that our role as advisers involves much more than simply knowing the law. Rather, we help businesses understand, in practical terms, what the rules mean to them and we guide them on how best to achieve their commercial objectives in a manner that is ‘safe’ from a competition law perspective.

KEY QUOTES

“Shoosmiths LLP’s ‘responsive, commercial and down-to-earth’ team has ‘excellent industry knowledge’ and provides ‘clear advice which helps steer the business.’” Chambers, 2018

“Simon Barnes has a strong competition law practice, advising clients on merger control matters as well as representing them in CMA investigations. Clients appreciate his ability to “clearly explain the issues and translate theoretical issues into practical effects.” He is also highlighted for his “pragmatic approach” and “great business acumen.”” Chamber 2018

“This is the best result we could have hoped for and is due to a lot of effort by Angela Gregson’s team at Shoosmiths (who also gave some solid advice in respect of tactics).” Client quote

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