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EDUCATION

1994, *Diplom (Dipl.-Vw) in Economics*, Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz, Germany
2006, *Ph.D. (Dr. rer. pol.) in Economics*, Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz, Germany

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2016 - Present, *Senior Economist*, Compass Lexecon, London & Düsseldorf
2006 - 2015, *Economic Consultant*, Oxera, London & Oxford
1994 – 2005, *Research assistant*, University of Mainz

SELECTED CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

Antitrust Litigation

- Milling
Advising a manufacturer in the food industry in a follow-on damage claim against the members of the German milling cartel.
- Sugar
Advising a manufacturer in the food industry in a follow-on damage claim against the members of the German sugar cartel.
- Cathode Ray Tubes
Advising a German purchaser of cathode ray tubes (CRTs) in relation to its claim for damages against the members of the CRT cartel.
- Industrial Bags
Advising British Polythene Industries in its defence against a follow-on damages case at the London High Court in relation to industrial bags.
- Decennial Insurance
Advising a European insurance company in relation to the investigation by the Spanish Commission Nacional de la Competencia into an alleged cartel in the Decennial insurance market.
- Gas-Insulated Switchgear
Assisting National Grid with its claim against the members of the gas-insulated switchgear cartel at the UK High Court.
- Air Cargo
Assisting in the quantification of damages for claimants in a London High Court damages action, following the European Commission's finding of a cartel in air cargo.
- Carbon and Graphite Products
Advising the group of claimants in the follow-on damages case *Deutsche Bahn and ors v Morgan Crucible and ors* at the Competition Appeal Tribunal.
- Postal Delivery
Advising a defendant in the context of the French Competition Authority's investigation into cartel-like behavior in the market for express and traditional parcel delivery in France
- Car Class
Advising a German automobile manufacturer on its damages claim against the members of the car glass cartel.
- Lifts and Escalators
Advice to the Belgian government and the Flemish Community in the follow-on damages claim against the members of the lifts and escalators cartel at the Brussels Tribunal of Commerce.

- High-Voltage Power Cables
Advising a European offshore windfarm operator in a follow-on damage claim against the members of the power cables cartel.
- Confidential involvement in a number of cartel damages cases concerning a range of industries in various jurisdictions, both for defendants and claimants

Commercial Litigation and Arbitration

- Local Authorities
Advising around 300 defendant Local Authorities in the context of a damages claim resulting from an alleged breach of statutory duty in the context of the EU Environmental Information regulation at the High Court of England and Wales.
- Commercial Waste Collection
Advising HMRC on its defense against a claim for damages resulting from an alleged distortion of competition in the market for commercial waste collection resulting from VAT exemption of Local Authorities at the UK Tax Tribunal.
- Food Industry
Advising a European manufacturer of fast moving consumer goods in quantifying its claim against an EU member state government under Bilateral Investment Treaty obligations at the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID).
- Transport
Assisting a train operating company with its damages claim relating to the collapse of a rail tunnel.
- Paper Manufacturing
Advising paper manufacturer Tullis Russell in relation to a commercial damages claim at the Scottish Court of Session.

Abuse of Dominance and Market Reviews

- Access to Airport Facilities
Assessing whether an increased access fee for an essential facility at a UK airport constitutes excessive pricing or margin squeeze for alternative operators in the surrounding car park market.
- National Grid Meters
Advising National Grid Meters in relation to Ofgem's review of the non-domestic gas metering market in Great Britain.

State Aid

- Airports and Airlines
Advising Ryanair and WizzAir on multiple state aid cases before the European Commission.
- DG Competition
Study for the European Commission on State aid: 'Should aid be granted to firms in difficulty?'

Mergers

- Lincoln Electric Holdings/Air Liquide
Advice to Lincoln Electric Holdings on its acquisition of Air Liquide's welding business (Germany, Spain).
- Marriott International/Starwood Hotels & Resorts
Advice to Marriott International on its acquisition of Starwood Hotels & Resorts (European Commission).
- Water Retail
Advice to Severn Trent on the merger of the non-household water retail businesses of Severn Trent and United Utilities in the UK (Competition and Markets Authority).
- Thomas Cook/CGL/Midlands Co-operative
Advice to Thomas Cook, CGL and Midlands Co-operative during the UK Competition Commission investigation of their proposed travel agency joint venture.
- DVD Rentals
Advising LOVEFiLM on its acquisition of Amazon's online DVD rental business, including assisting with survey design and conducting quantitative analysis for market definition.
- Arriva Trains/Cross Country
Advice to Arriva Trains in relation to the Office of Fair Trading's investigation into the train operator's acquisition of the Cross Country rail franchise.



PUBLICATIONS

“The economics of pass-on in regulated industries” [with Horn, M], Competition Law Journal, Issue 4. 4, 2015

“Merging the Merger Authorities – an Economist’s View on the BIS Proposals”, Competition Law Journal, 11:2, 2012

“Evidencing remedies: Lessons from the decision of the CAT in Tesco plc v Competition Commission”, [with Barnes, F.], Competition Law Journal, 8:4, pp. 328–36, 2009

“Private actions for damages in Europe”, Competition Law Journal, 6:3, pp. 223–30, 2007

TEACHING AND COURSES

Michael has been involved in training courses in Competition Economics and Utility Regulation, and in training of national judges in quantifying harm caused by infringements of competition law.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Statistical Packages
Proficient in Stata

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- English (fluent)
- German (native)
- Spanish (fluent)