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Summary

Ronit Kreisberger is a leading senior junior in Competition and EU Law. She joined Chambers after 7 years at Herbert Smith and "quickly won a reputation at the Bar": Chambers UK (2010).

Since joining the Bar, Ronit has been consistently ranked as a leading junior for both EU / Competition Law and Media, Entertainment and Sport. She has been named as one of the Lawyer's Hot 100 and one of Chambers' rising stars in Global Competition Review's 2011 Barrister Survey. Ronit is also recognised as a leading competition expert in the International *Who's Who of Competition Lawyers and Economists 2014*.

According to the directories, Ronit is:

- "impressive", offering both "incisive analytical skills and compendious legal knowledge"
- "a quietly destructive advocate who produces easy-to-follow oral submissions".
- "fights very hard and is a great person to work with"
- with "endless drive and determination", she is "intellectually stimulating to work with."
- has "an excellent reputation for High Court damages actions"
- "can take charge when others despair and frequently spots the key point that will win a case"
- "is a practical and effective advocate"
- "approachable and easy to work with"

Ronit regularly appears in the High Court, the Competition Appeal Tribunal and represents clients before competition regulators such as the OFT and Competition Commission. She has extensive experience of injunctions, large scale damages actions and appeals against penalty decisions by the OFT/Competition Commission.

Ronit has experience across a wide range of industry sectors, with particular expertise in the pharmaceutical sector, intellectual property cases and sport and the collective licensing of media rights. Her clients include Cathay Pacific, Vodafone, Pfizer, Roche, Teva, Merck, Turf TV, the Racing UK racecourses, the Royal Mail, MAN ERF, Ballast Nedam, CDI AndersElite, the OFT and Ofgem. She has acted in the landmark cases of Crehan, BAGS v AMRAC and Lundbeck "Pay for Delay" and the Construction/Construction Recruitment Penalty Appeals in the CAT.

Ronit is also:

- a member of the Attorney General's B Panel of Junior Counsel to the Crown
- a contributing editor of the 7th edition of Bellamy & Child, The European Community Law of Competition.

Ronit regularly speaks at conferences and seminars. She was a guest speaker at the 2013 BASL Sports Law Conference in relation to collective selling of media sports rights. To view the slides for this talk, please click [here](#).

Specialist Areas

1. COMPETITION LAW

RECENT MAJOR CASES

European Courts

- Lundbeck Pay for Delay
- T-111/08 MasterCard v Commission; interchange fees

- T-38/11 Cathay Pacific v Commission: air cargo surcharges appeal
- C-58/08 Vodafone and Ors v UK (2007) All ER (D) 120: challenge to the Roaming Regulation

Supreme Court / Court of Appeal / High Court

- Scottish Ministers/Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety for Northern Ireland & Ors v Reckitt Benckiser; abuse of dominance/follow on claim
- Chemistree v Roche Products: 2012, abuse of dominance
- Chemistree v Teva Pharmaceuticals: 2011, abuse of dominance
- Intecare Direct v Pfizer: 2009, mandatory injunction, abuse of dominance
- BAGS v AMRAC: 2008, Chancery Division; 2009, Court of Appeal, challenge to licensing of media sport rights; collective boycott; unlawful agreements under Article 101/Chapter I
- UV v Nominet: injunction/damages; refusal to supply; Chapters I and II (settled)
- The Leaflet Company v Royal Mail: major damages action; abuse of dominance
- Cityhook v BT & Ors: damages action for alleged collective boycott (stayed)
- AAH and others v Pfizer (2007) EWHC 565: mandatory injunction; exclusive distribution arrangements
- Intreprenuer v Crehan (2006) UKHL 38: House of Lords, landmark case on damages
- MAN ERF v Wootton Trucks Ltd (2006) EWCA Civ 1042: mandatory injunction, Ch I and II

Competition Appeal Tribunal

- CDI AndersElite v OFT: construction recruitment cartel, major penalty appeal
- Ballast Nedam v OFT: cover pricing in construction industry; major penalty appeal
- Aggregate Industries v OFT: refusal to approve purchaser pursuant to undertakings in lieu

Other cases

- Advising a party in connection with the OFT's investigation into allegations of competition law infringements by Mercedes-Benz and dealers of M-B trucks and vans
- Acting for the OFT in investigation into MasterCard's credit card interchange fees
- Acting for a major chemicals company in commercial arbitration; breach of Article 101
- Acting for Kerry Foods in relation to its completed acquisition of Headland Foods

2. PHARMACEUTICAL LAW

Ronit has an impressive list of pharmaceutical clients which include: Merck, Teva, Pfizer and Roche.

Recent highlights of Ronit's pharmaceutical practice:

- currently acting for Merck in its appeal against the Commission Decision in the Lundbeck "Pay for Delay" case
- successfully represented a number of pharmaceutical companies in a series of separate High Court proceedings brought by Chemistree Homecare alleging that conditions attaching to the supply of drugs infringed EU rules on competition / the supply of pharmaceuticals
- currently acting for the Northern Irish and Scottish health bodies in their claims for damages against Reckitt Benckiser for abuses in relation to the supply of Gaviscon

3. MEDIA & SPORTS LAW

- Ronit is recommended as a leading junior for media, entertainment and sport
- She acted for Amrac and Racing UK courses in the landmark Turf TV case on collective exclusive licensing of broadcasting rights, in which they successfully defeated the claims of the major bookmakers in the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court
- She regularly advises sports bodies and business operating in the field of sport on their online/media/audio-visual licensing arrangements

4. TELECOMS & UTILITIES REGULATION

Ronit acted for Vodafone in its appeal against the Roaming Regulation.

She has acted for mobile phone operators in appeals to the CAT and advises companies and regulators in the field of telecoms regulation. Ronit also advises on utilities regulation, particularly in the regulation of water companies.

Additional Information

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Ronit joined Herbert Smith in 1998. She spent two court terms with the Court of Appeal as judicial assistant to Buxton and Otton LJ in 2000. She also worked for Lord Woolf, the then Lord Chief Justice. Ronit also qualified as a Solicitor Advocate in 2005. At the time of leaving Herbert Smith in 2005, she was a senior associate in their EU, Competition and Regulation department where she advised commercial clients on all aspects of EU and UK competition law with a particular emphasis on competition litigation before the Competition Appeal Tribunal, private enforcement actions for damages and regulatory investigations by the UK and EU authorities into cartels (including leniency applications) and abuse of dominant position. She also regularly advised in relation to merger clearances/investigations and the compatibility of commercial agreements with Article 81 EC/Chapter I of the Competition Act including relevant Block Exemptions and on the consequences of non-compliance and other "self-assessment" issues. She has also organised/participated in a number of mock dawn raids and prepared a number of compliance manuals for clients. In her time at Herbert Smith, Ronit advised a broad spectrum of clients in industries including food processing, pharmaceuticals, industrial chemicals, water and sewerage, advertising and insurance.

PUBLICATIONS

Ronit is a contributing editor to the sixth edition of Bellamy & Child, The European Community Law of Competition and the forthcoming 7th edition of that work. She is a regular contributor to various EU/competition publications and often speaks at conferences/seminars on competition law.

Ronit recently contributed to LexisPSL, to read the full article "The system of setting credit card inter-bank fees under threat" please click [here](#). This article first appeared on Lexis PSL on 13 May 2013, click [here](#) for a free trial of Lexis PSL.

What the directories say

Ronit is recognised as a leading Competition Law expert - **International Who's Who of Competition Lawyers and Economists 2014**.

Under Competition Law: A former solicitor advocate who offers a high level of commerciality and has an excellent ability to interact with clients. As such she is very popular with leading law firms. Sources note that she is particularly strong in competition cases in the pharmaceutical and healthcare sectors. *"Provides clear, crisp advice and is very easy to work with."* *"Has an excellent pedigree in competition law and is a very dedicated barrister."* **Chambers UK, 2014**

"The 'approachable' Ronit Kreisberger is 'easy to work with'." Recommended as a leading Junior under EU & Competition Law. **Legal 500, 2013**

Ronit Kreisberger is listed as a recommended Junior in Media, Entertainment and Sport Law. **Legal 500, 2013**
Competition/European Law: "Ronit Kreisberger offers "crisp, clear advice," is "easy to work with" and is a "practical and effective advocate."" **Chambers UK, 2013**

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compendious legal knowledge." A *"quietly destructive advocate who produces easy-to-follow oral submissions,"* she is someone with *"endless drive and determination."* *"Intellectually stimulating to work with,"* she acted for Cathay Pacific in its appeal against the European Commission's decision to impose fines on 11 air cargo carriers for participating in a worldwide fuel and security surcharges cartel. - **Chambers UK, 2012**

Media, Entertainment & Sport states that Ronit Kreisberger *'fights very hard and is a great person to work with'.* **Legal 500, 2011**

Ronit Kreisberger is a recommended leading junior in EU & Competition Law. **Legal 500, 2011**

Ronit Kreisberger is regarded as one of "chambers' rising stars." - **Global Competition Review: Barrister Survey, 2011**

"Sources report "pleasant and successful dealings" with competition specialist Ronit Kreisberger. Like so many in the set, Kreisberger is perennially busy, with one recent example of her work being an appeal on behalf of CDI Corp against the OFT's decision following its investigation into cartel activity in the construction recruitment industry." Recommended in Competition/European Law - **Chambers UK, 2011**

Under EU and competition the **Legal 500, 2010** states that Ronit Kreisberger is "experienced, intelligent and responsive."

Ronit is also recommended in **Legal 500, 2010** for Media, entertainment and sport, representing Amrac/the racecourses/Alphameric in the Court of Appeal in the Bookmakers Afternoon Greyhound Services case.

"...Seen as crucial to the future of chambers, [...] Kreisberger "can take charge when others despair and frequently spots the key point that will win a case." She was a senior associate in Herbert Smith's competition group until 2005 and has quickly won a reputation at the Bar." - **Chambers UK, 2010**

Legal 500, 2009 recommends Ronit Kreisberger as a Leading Junior on EU and competition law.

Chambers UK, 2009 - "The "extremely talented" Ronit Kreisberger enters the rankings as a result of tremendous feedback and the impressive work engagements she has recently undertaken. Previously a solicitor at Herbert Smith, she 'is flexible, really knows her stuff and understands the needs of clients.' This 'very engaging individual' is 'diligent, thorough and accessible,' and was part of the set's team advising the OFT on its credit card investigation."

In July 2009, Ronit was appointed to **The Times Law Panel**, an advisory body of 100 of the country's most prominent barristers and solicitors. The Times describes Ronit as "one of the leading junior barristers in the field of competition law. She joined the Bar in 2005 but began her legal career at Herbert Smith, the City law firm. As a barrister, she has acted in major cases such as Vodafone's challenge to European price caps on roaming charges and three leading bookmakers' claim against the racing industry about television rights. Kreisberger, an Oxford graduate, joined Herbert Smith in 1998 and later served as a judicial assistant at the Court of Appeal."

On EU and Competition Law: " This remains an area where juniors are perhaps much more influential than in other sectors, particularly in connection with UK cases ... Ronit Kreisberger is building an excellent reputation for High Court damages actions. " - **The Legal 500, 2008.**

In January 2007, Ronit was listed by **The Lawyer** as one of the year's '**Hot 100**' which celebrates members of the legal profession who have excelled in their chosen fields during the past year. Listed for her competition expertise, Ronit was described as a 'rising star'. For more details, [click here](#).