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FOCUS AREAS

Antitrust Civil Enforcement
Antitrust Compliance and
Business Strategy
Antitrust Litigation
Antitrust Merger Clearance
Antitrust and Competition
Artificial Intelligence and
Machine Learning
Environmental, Social, and
Governance
European Competition Law
Third-Party Merger and
Non-Merger Antitrust
Representation

EXPERIENCE

Deirdre Carroll is a partner in the Brussels and London offices of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where her practice focuses on global mergers, agency investigations, and compliance counselling. She also works closely with Wilson Sonsini's data protection and privacy team to provide clients with integrated, strategic advice on data-related antitrust counselling and digital platform regulation, including the EU's Digital Markets Act.

Deirdre expertly navigates the complexities of antitrust regulations across diverse industries and jurisdictions with a robust track record representing clients before the European Commission (EC) and the UK Competition and Markets Authority (CMA). Her extensive experience includes securing clearance for some of the most high-profile and complex transactions on a global scale.

She has experience across a wide range of sectors, including tech, advertising (adtech), financial services, life sciences, aviation, basic industries, and mining.

Deirdre maintains an active pro bono practice. She is a recipient of the firm's John Wilson Award, which is presented annually to attorneys who have demonstrated a significant commitment to the firm's pro bono clients.

Prior to joining the firm in 2015, she was an intern at the European Commission's DG Competition in the Antitrust—Media unit.

Deirdre is a native English speaker, and she is fluent in Irish and French.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- LL.M., European Legal Studies, College of Europe, Bruges (Belgium), 2015
Recipient, Scholarship from the Irish Government
- LL.B., National University of Ireland, Galway (Ireland), 2013
Honours
- Bachelor of Corporate Law (International), National University of Ireland, Galway (Ireland), 2012
First Class Honours
- Diploma in EU Law, Université Toulouse 1 Capitole (Erasmus France), 2011

Associations and Memberships

- Member, Section of Antitrust Law, American Bar Association

Honors

- Honored among Lawdragon's 2026 "500 Leading Global Antitrust & Competition Lawyers"
- Named to the 2025 and 2026 Lawdragon "500 X – The Next Generation" lists

- Recognized as a top author for antitrust and trade regulation by *JD Supra's* "Readers' Choice Awards," 2023-2025
- Recipient, Donna Petkanics Firm Citizenship Award, 2025
- Recipient, John Wilson Award for pro bono service, 2018, 2021, and 2023
- Recognized in the 2021 edition of *The Legal 500*, Europe

Admissions

- State Bar of New York
- Brussels Bar B-List
- Solicitor, England and Wales
- Solicitor, Republic of Ireland

MATTERS

Select Matters

Select Regulatory and Counselling Matters

- Advises a leading global technology company on compliance with the EU's Digital Markets Act, Digital Services Act, and similar global initiatives
- Advises an e-commerce company on antitrust compliance, including strategic advice on issues at the intersection of antitrust and data protection together with the Wilson Sonsini data protection team
- Advises a large U.S. semiconductor company on antitrust compliance, including counseling related to regulatory investigations
- Advises a leading communications platform on antitrust compliance and regulatory investigations
- Advised a leading social network on regulatory investigations
- Advised Air France-KLM on the implementation of commitments stemming from Article 101 proceedings before the European Commission
- Advised a client before the UK's CMA in relation to a sector investigation in the construction materials industry

Select Transactional Matters

- HashiCorp in its \$6.4 billion acquisition by IBM, following a Second Request by the U.S. Department of Justice and Phase I review by the CMA
- Run:ai Labs in its acquisition by NVIDIA, following a Phase I review by the EC that originated from a referral by the Italian competition regulator under Article 22 EUMR
- Infinera in its \$2.3 billion acquisition by Nokia (including Phase I unconditional approval by the European Commission and multiple other global regulators)
- Scale AI in its \$14.35 billion investment from Meta Platforms, Inc.
- Ampere Computing in its pending \$6.5 billion sale to SoftBank Group Corp.
- Bolt Medical in its sale to Boston Scientific
- Featurespace in its acquisition by Visa
- Poly in its \$3.3 billion acquisition by HP, Inc. (including Phase I unconditional approval by the European Commission and multiple other global regulators)
- Onfido in its acquisition by Entrust
- DoorDash in its \$8.1 billion acquisition of Wolt
- Bungie in its \$3.6 billion acquisition by Sony
- Zynga in its \$12.7 billion acquisition by Take-Two
- ironSource in its \$4.4 billion merger with Unity
- WaveOptics in its acquisition by Snap
- Plaid in its \$5 billion proposed acquisition by Visa before the UK CMA (Phase I unconditional approval, transaction abandoned for unrelated reasons)
- Outbrain in its proposed acquisition by Taboola, following an in-depth Second Request by the U.S. Department of Justice and Phase II review by the UK CMA (the parties received clearance from the DOJ, but abandoned the transaction for unrelated reasons)
- Pacific Biosciences in its \$1.2 billion proposed acquisition by Illumina before the UK CMA (transaction abandoned)
- Air France-KLM in its proposed acquisition of joint control of Virgin Atlantic (Phase I unconditional approval before the European Commission) and transatlantic joint venture with Delta
- Coherent in its \$940 million acquisition of Rofin-Sinar before the European Commission and the related divestiture process (Phase I conditional approval)

- Brocade in its acquisition by Broadcom before the European Commission (Phase I conditional approval)
- Dell in its \$76 billion acquisition of EMC before the European Commission (Phase I unconditional approval), the largest pure tech deal in history

INSIGHTS

Select Publications

- Co-author, "CMA's Actions Signal New Spotlight on UK Consumer Law," *Law360*, May 18, 2026
- Co-author, "Consumer Protection in the UK: Update on Reforms Taking Effect in 2025 and 2026," Wilson Sonsini Alert, July 11, 2025
- Co-author, "European Union: AI Partnerships and DMA Enforcement Top of the Agenda for European Regulators," *Global Competition Review's Europe, Middle East and Africa Antitrust Review 2026*, June 16, 2025
- Co-author, "Cartel Facilitated by a Minority Stake in a Competitor Sanctioned by the European Commission," Wilson Sonsini Alert, June 5, 2025
- Co-author, "Regulators Target AI As Evolving Technology Threatens Fair Competition in Digital Economy," *GCR - Data & Antitrust Guide; Second Edition*, May 30, 2025
- Co-author, "A View Across the Pond: A Change of Direction for Antitrust Enforcers in the EU and UK?" Wilson Sonsini Alert, February 6, 2025
- Co-author, "EU's New Foreign Subsidies Regulation Adds Complexity to M&A Deals with an EU Dimension," Wilson Sonsini Alert, February 9, 2023
- Co-author, "European Commission Moves Forward with Open Antitrust Cases Against Expected Gatekeepers," Wilson Sonsini Alert, January 4, 2023
- Co-author, "Some Light Holiday Reading: Draft Procedural Guidance on the EU's Digital Market Act Open for Consultation," *The WSGR Data Advisor*, December 12, 2022
- Co-author, "U.S. Legislators and State Attorneys General Raise Antitrust Concerns Regarding ESG Collaborations," Wilson Sonsini Alert, November 21, 2022
- Co-author, "EU Court Opinion: Competition Authorities May Consider Data Protection Breaches in Their Investigations," *The WSGR Data Advisor*, November 10, 2022
- Co-author, "D(MA)-Day: Formal Adoption of the EU Digital Markets Act," *The WSGR Data Advisor*, July 20, 2022
- Co-author, "EU to Open San Francisco Office to Advance Its Digital Regulation Agenda," *The WSGR Data Advisor*, April 27, 2022
- Co-author, "EU Adopts New Rules to Significantly Limit the Power of Tech Platforms," *The WSGR Data Advisor*, March 30, 2022
- Co-author, "EU Parliament and Council Take Next Steps to Advance Major New Rules for Digital Platforms," *The WSGR Data Advisor*, February 25, 2022
- Co-author with L. Boylan and B. Buffler, "CMA Levies Record Fine on Facebook for Deliberate Breach of Hold-Separate Order in Probe of GIPHY Takeover," Wilson Sonsini Alert, October 21, 2021
- Co-author with S. Taheny, "European Commission Publishes Guidance Paper on Member State Referrals for Merger Review Even Where National or EU Thresholds Are Not Met," Wilson Sonsini Alert, April 8, 2021
- Co-author with L. Signoret, "Incoming: Increased UK Enforcement in Digital Markets," Wilson Sonsini Alert, April 8, 2021
- Co-author with C. Burton and others, "European Commission Proposes New Rules for Digital Platforms," Wilson Sonsini Alert, January 12, 2021
- Co-author with S. Batohi and A. Keck, "The Impact of COVID-19 on Merger Reviews: Practical Considerations for Global Deals," Wilson Sonsini Alert, March 20, 2020
- Co-author with S. Batohi, "Producing Internal Documents to the UK Competition and Markets Authority: Better Get It Right the First Time," Wilson Sonsini Alert, January 22, 2020
- Co-author with S. Batohi, "When 'Voluntary' Does Not Mean Voluntary—Stricter Enforcement of Procedural Rules in UK Merger Control," Wilson Sonsini Alert, January 21, 2020
- Co-author with J. Bank and M. Foto, "Excessive Pricing in the Pharmaceutical Industry: How Much is Too Much?" *The Antitrust Report*, Lexis Nexis, December 2018
- Co-author with P. McGeown, "Caveat Emptor: Are Lengthier EC Merger Reviews the New Norm?" WSGR Alert, January 18, 2018
- "Purchaser Approval Decisions: A Practitioner's Guide to 'Phase III' Merger Control in Europe," *The Antitrust Report*, Lexis Nexis, December 2017

Select Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "Global State of Play: Antitrust and AI Series - Part 2: Global Transactions Involving AI Assets," Webinar, October 8, 2025

- Speaker, “A Changing World: Increasingly Aggressive Antitrust Enforcement Targeted at Technology Here and Abroad,” Wilson Sonsini MCLE Day, December 15, 2022
- Speaker, “World Justice Challenge 2021: Advancing the Rule of Law in a Time of Crisis,” World Justice Project, April 14, 2021