



# EUROPEAN ANTITRUST & COMPETITION

## GLOBAL EXPERTISE, LOCAL PRESENCE

### CASE STUDY 1

#### CLIENT

An international private equity firm wanted to acquire a European commodity business. Outside counsel had limited capacity for due diligence.

#### CHALLENGE

The European Commission (EC) had concerns regarding the acquisition and issued several simultaneous Requests for Information (RFIs).

#### THE TLS SOLUTION

The TLS Antitrust Practice Group quickly tackled the immediate data issues and prepared for the downstream legal review. While the e-discovery team loaded the client's data into Relativity, the managed review team recruited 37 antitrust review specialists within 48 hours. Due to the complex privilege issues, technology-assisted review (TAR) was not an option, and 300,000 documents had to first go through a linear review followed by a second-pass review. Once the third-pass review by the client was complete, TLS e-discovery project managers worked through the night on quality control checks. TLS hand-delivered the RFI response to the EC in Belgium, having taken the very first Eurostar out of London on the morning of the deadline.

### CASE STUDY 2

#### CLIENT

A US-headquartered company intended to acquire a Swiss manufacturer.

#### CHALLENGE

The US Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a second request and the EC simultaneously issued an RFI.

#### THE TLS SOLUTION

TLS's Antitrust Practice Group employed its proprietary multi-language workflow across e-discovery project management and managed review. Automatic language identification accurately batched documents according to their language so that appropriate bilingual reviewers could be recruited and onboarded. TLS ran linguistic OCR across all documents, rendering French- and German-specific characters searchable. Search terms were not only translated but deconstructed and reformulated with the aid of qualified linguists to ensure linguistic, syntactical and grammatical accuracy. TLS's centralised, multi-language project execution ensured full compliance with 20 percent cost savings across the concurrent proceedings.

### CASE STUDY 3

#### CLIENT

Five alleged members of a commodities cartel were hit with simultaneous dawn raids by the EC.

#### CHALLENGE

A boutique firm represented one of the cartel's Northern European members in what turned out to be an unprecedented instruction.

#### THE TLS SOLUTION

The Antitrust Practice Group supported the boutique firm throughout all stages of the fast-moving investigation and review. TLS forensic experts were on the ground within 48 hours to aid counsel with post-raid interviews and preserving forensic images of relevant devices. The data was transferred to a TLS data centre where we were able to leverage Digital Reef's full processing power. All of the data was ready for review within 24 hours. Case consultants worked on a bespoke analytics solution to reduce the responsive review universe, and project managers employed TLS's multi-language and AI workflows to help counsel review in their native language. TLS submitted a 50-page report for the EC on its technical process as part of the leniency application.