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Scott is a partner in the Brussels office of Bird & Bird where, as an expert in payments regulation and competition law, he works closely with the Finance & Financial Regulation group, the EU & Competition law team, as well as the Public Affairs team.

With more than 15 years' experience of competition law and regulation, he has considerable expertise in payments regulation and competition law across Europe.

He advises payment schemes, payments services providers (e.g. card issuers and merchant acquirers), processors, merchants, as well as other stakeholders in the payments value chain.

He advises them on payments regulation, such as PSD2 (the update EU Payment Services Directive) and the 'level 2' documents under PSD2 such as the Regulatory Technical Standards (RTS) on Strong Customer Authentication, the EU Interchange Fee Regulation, the EU Cross-Border Regulation, the EU SEPA Regulation. He also advises on AML regulations, outsourcing regulations, banking secrecy rules, and other financial services regulations.

He also advises on a variety of competition law issues, in particular in the payments sector.

Along with the Bird & Bird Brussels public affairs team, he also provides support to clients on their public affairs initiatives related to draft legislation and regulations.

Before joining Bird & Bird in 2016, he was senior regulatory Counsel at Mastercard for four years.