

# COVINGTON

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## Key Specialisms

⊗ Digital Services &  
Technology Hardware

⊗ Energy

⊗ Environment

⊗ Food and Drink

⊗ Financial Services

⊗ Healthcare

⊗ Technology

## Brussels Office Since

📅 1990

## Number of Public Affairs Consultants

8 24: Covington's European Public Policy team includes 4 partners, 2 counsel, 3 associates, 4 policy advisors and 11 senior advisors. In addition, a large number of other colleagues across the firm contribute to our global public policy projects in Europe and beyond.

## About Covington

### Firm Description

Building a successful global business involves navigating the intersection of law and public policy for every country and every region in which you operate. Covington helps clients worldwide achieve critical business objectives by combining legal, political, and policy expertise to provide strategic advice and advocacy. In an increasingly regulated world, Covington has an exceptional ability to help clients navigate their most complex business problems, deals and disputes. Our focus lies in highly-regulated sectors – technology, life sciences, energy, environment, financial services, competition and trade policy. Our distinctively collaborative culture allows us to be truly one team globally, drawing on the diverse experience of lawyers and advisors across the firm, sharing insight and expertise seamlessly. What sets us apart is our ability to combine deep knowledge of policy and policymakers, with one of the world's leading regulatory practices, and the tremendous strength in our litigation, investigations, and corporate practices. This enables us to create novel solutions to our clients' toughest problems, successfully try their toughest cases and deliver commercially practical advice of the highest quality. Led by Global Public Policy Chair Sebastian Vos, Covington's European Public Policy team draws on a range of former policymakers, including politicians, lawyers, public affairs practitioners, diplomats and economists, as well as policy advisors with deep substantive know-how in a range of sectors. The team offers clients unparalleled insight into the workings of EU political processes and institutions.

### Ownership Structure

Limited Liability Partnership.

### Key Clients

Key Clients – Business Software Alliance, Facebook, Global Blockchain Business Council, Microsoft, Oculus, Uber, Illumina, UCB Pharma, Kosmos Energy and Monster Energy Company.

### International Structure

With over 1,000 professionals in 13 offices worldwide, Covington has policy capability and experience in over 100 countries. We work through our own team of experts, excellent contacts in the European External Action Service and the U.S. State Department, and established partnerships with a variety of highly respected law and public policy firms that can help with on-the-ground execution.

### Key Strengths

Covington has the largest integrated public policy team at a law firm in Europe, with offices in Brussels, London, and Frankfurt, and a presence in Dublin. "Global Problem Solving" from Covington draws together our global team of lawyers, former diplomats, senior government officials, and investigators. This team brings significant experience in dealing with the types of complex problems that involve both judicial and government institutions. Our senior advisers include a range of former policymakers – such as Thomas Reilly, a former British Ambassador and Head of Government Relations at Royal Dutch Shell, now Covington's Head of UK Public Policy; Carl Bildt, former Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Sweden; Lord Francis Maude, former UK Europe and Trade Minister; Erika Mann, a former leading Member of the European Parliament; Ambassador Jean De Ruyt, former Permanent Representative of Belgium to the European Union; Ambassadors Péter Balás and Karel Kovanda, former European Commission Deputy Directors General for Trade and External Relations, respectively; and Sir Michael Leigh, former European Commission Director General for Enlargement. As a Band 1 firm ranked in Chambers, we receive praise both from market commentators and clients: "I think they are best in class, at UK or European level."



# We Help Clients Navigate Issues at the Intersection of Law and Policy Around the World

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Covington has the largest public policy team at a law firm in Europe, combining the tremendous strength in our litigation, investigations, and corporate practices with regulatory expertise and deep knowledge of policy and policymakers.

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“We experienced outstanding service and technical knowledge. They are politically savvy and have deep political networks.”

Client feedback, *Chambers* legal directory

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