

Competition Section Engagement Programme 2018 - 2019





Foreword

Welcome to the Law Society's Competition Section 2018/2019 engagement programme.

The Competition Section was established to promote best practice and address current issues and challenges facing the community. The Section Advisory Committee's role is to provide expert practitioner input, guiding the Law Society on identifying issues, generating content and a wide variety of events, to ensure the engagement programme is both relevant, practical.

The Section takes guidance from both the Section Advisory Committee and the wider membership through surveys, and on-line discussions groups and events, etc.

With this in mind, the committee is keen to engage with the wider competition community and to hear from you, our members, to assist us in shaping your Section.

Please get in touch at competitionsection@lawsociety.org.uk to give us your thoughts, seek our support or just to connect.

Richard Eccles

chair of the Competition Section Advisory Committee

Our vision

To empower its members with good value support and information specific to local and international competition law, from cartels to litigation, merger control, sectoral regulation, investigations or state aid helping them perform better in their area of law.

We will to help maintain our members' ongoing continuous professional development with relevant guidance from leaders in the market

Tailored support for competition lawyers

The member programme for 2018/19 will:

- assist members to:
 - learn what is happening in your market
 - understand and practically implement best practice
 - influence change in the legal landscape
 - network with other practitioners and ask the experts for guidance.
- we will deliver:
 - **Expert insight, best practice and networking through:**
 - our evening seminars bring you the latest hot topics, relevant speakers include solicitors, economists, barristers and regulators. We uncover the practical implications of market change for you and your clients, including the opportunity for you to ask your questions during the seminar, or in the relaxed post event networking.
 - Competition Section annual conference – a day uniquely designed with a mix of engaging panel sessions across a wide variety of topics.
 - Competition Section dinner and annual awards night – a perfect chance to entertain your staff or clients for end of year festivities.
 - **Exclusive online content through our:**
 - Four topical webinars with in-depth insight into topics ranging from Financial Conduct Authority regulation to dawn raids.
 - Competition Section LinkedIn group enables members to share news, features, events and other relevant activities in a private environment.
 - **Development of future competition lawyer through our:**
 - Horsfall Turner essay prize is a prestigious award presented to the best essay submission on a given topic every year, it is designed to encourage young lawyers to engage with competition and European law.
 - **Representation, policy and lobbying through the**
 - support of the advisory committee, we will ensure we represent this vital sector of the profession more effectively within the legal community.



Events

Over the next year the Section will host a range of events on issues that matter to competition lawyers. Details of these events will be published on our website:

www.lawsociety.org.uk/competition/events

Competition Section seminar: seminar: The impact of data on merger control

When: Tuesday 13 February 2019, 18:00 - 20:15

Venues: The Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL

Cost: Free for Section members, £35 + VAT for members working for NFP
From £75 + VAT for non-members

CPD

competencies: A2

This seminar will survey EU merger control cases involving data issues and ask whether or not the European Commission has now developed a legal and economic framework for assessment of those cases going forward.

It will provide insight on:

- key EU merger control cases that involved data
- orthodox horizontal, vertical and conglomerate theories of harm as applied to the supply or use of data
- other non-coordinated effects - access to 'commercially sensitive information'
- the role of data privacy legislation
- is there now a consistent and clear legal and economic framework for assessment of future EU merger cases?

The programme is subject to change but the speakers will likely cover:

- recent and upcoming developments in the CMA's policy and practice
- the key trends in UK merger control in 2017
- the key cases in UK merger control in 2017
- the key challenges for UK merger control arising out of the UK vote to leave the EU

Learning objectives

By attending this seminar, attendees will gain a better understanding of:

- recent EU control cases that involved data and their outcomes
- theories of harm relevant to data
- the current European Commission framework for assessment of EU merger cases

Speakers

- Stephen Whitfield, partner at Travers Smith LLP
- Lorenzo Coppi, executive vice-president at Compass Lexecon

Competition Section seminar: UK Mergers update

When: Tuesday 12 March 2019, 18:00 - 20:15

Venues: The Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL

Cost: Free for Section members, £35 + VAT for members working for NFP
From £75 + VAT for non-members

CPD

competencies: A2

This seminar will review UK merger control in 2018 and look ahead to the key developments and challenges in UK merger control in 2019, providing insight from the leaders in mergers at the Competition and Markets Authority.

The programme is subject to change but the speakers will likely cover:

- recent and upcoming developments in the CMA's policy and practice
- the key trends in UK merger control in 2018
- the key cases in UK merger control in 2018
- the key challenges for UK merger control arising out of the UK vote to leave the EU

Speaker:

Colin Raftery, senior director of Mergers, Competition and Markets Authority



Colin Raftery is senior director of Mergers at the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA), where he leads the CMA's team on a variety of merger cases and policy initiatives. Prior to joining the CMA, Mr. Raftery advised on all aspects of EU and UK competition law at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in London and, before that, at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton in Brussels and Washington DC. Mr. Raftery holds an undergraduate degree in law from the University of Edinburgh and postgraduate degrees in law from the College of Europe, Bruges, and the University of Chicago.

Competition Section seminar: Competition in the digital economy

When: Tuesday 9 April March 2019, 18:00 - 20:15

Venues: The Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL

Cost: Free for Section members, £35 + VAT for members working for NFP
From £75 + VAT for non-members

CPD

competencies: A2

The programme for this seminar is still in development

Speaker: Professor Philip Marsden

Professor Philip Marsden is Professor of Law and Economics at the College of Europe, Bruges, and Senior Director, Case Decision Groups at the Competition and Markets Authority (until end September) and CMA representative at the NESTA Open Banking panel. He is also Deputy Chair of the Bank of England's Enforcement Decision Making Committee and co-founder and General Editor of the European Competition Journal

Competition Section annual conference: 2019

When: Thursday 9 May 2019, 8:30 - 17:30

Venues: The Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL

Cost: £300 for Section members, £195 + VAT for members working for NFP
From £345 + VAT for non-members

CPD competencies: A2

The annual Competition Section conference is an established fixture in the competition law calendar. This event draws on speakers from the UK and overseas and includes leading practitioners, regulators and economic experts.

Uniquely, this is the only competition law conference designed by competition law specialists, offering all those with an interest in this highly visible area of law an opportunity to network with experienced practitioners, clients, government officials, regulators and representatives from the judiciary in a relaxing atmosphere at the Law Society.

We are delighted to announce that this year's keynote address will be given by Dr Andrea Coscelli, the chief executive of the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA).

08:45 - 09:15 *Registration and refreshments*

09:15 - 09:20 **Welcome and introduction**
Chair: Matt Evans, partner, Jones Day and vice-chair, Competition Section Committee

09:20 - 09:50 **Keynote address**
Speaker: Andrea Coscelli, chief executive, Competition and Markets Authority (CMA)

09:50 - 11:00 **Plenary panel 1 - Merger control**
Chair: Nigel Seay, head of competition, Travers Smith and member, Competition Section Committee

11:00 - 11:20 *Refreshments, networking and exhibition*

11:20 - 12:30 **Plenary panel 2 - Competition litigation**
Chair: Omar Shah, partner, Morgan Lewis and member, Competition Section Committee

Speakers: Kelyn Bacon QC, Brick Court Chambers
Stephen Kon, senior consultant, Macfarlanes LLP

12:30 - 12:40 **How the Law Society is advocating for competition practitioners**
Speaker: Einat Sohar, relationship manager (City), The Law Society

12:40 - 13:40 *Lunch, networking and exhibition*



- 13:40 - 14:50 **Plenary panel 3 - Artificial intelligence**
Chair: Becket McGrath, partner, Cooley LLP and member, Competition Section Committee
Speaker: Sarah Long, partner, Euclid Law
- 14:50 - 16:00 **Plenary panel 4 - Sectoral regulation**
Chair: Isabel Taylor, partner, Slaughter and May and member, Competition Section Committee
- 16:00 - 16:20 *Refreshments, networking and exhibition*
- 16:20 - 17:30 **Plenary panel 5 - Antitrust enforcement**
Chair: James Marshall, partner, antitrust & competition, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP and member, Competition Section Committee

Speakers: Belinda Bagge, legal director, competition and regulatory law, BT Group plc
- 17:30 - 17:35 **Closing remarks**
Chair: Matt Evans, partner, Jones Day and vice-chair, Competition Section Committee

Competition Section: Spring drinks reception

- When:** Thursday 19 May 2019 17:30 - 19:00
Venues: The Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL
Cost: Free for Section members, £35 + VAT for members working for NFP
From £75 + VAT for non-members

Registration for the Competition Section annual conference includes an invitation to the post-event spring drinks reception. This informal gathering offers the chance to network with competition law practitioners, fellow delegates, speakers and Competition Section Committee members in a relaxed environment.

Competition Section seminar: The Competition Section president's update

When: Tuesday 11 June 2019, 18:00 - 20:15

Venues: The Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL

Cost: Free for Section members, £35 + VAT for members working for NFP
From £75 + VAT for non-members

CPD

competencies: A2

More information to follow shortly

Speaker: Professor Richard Whish

Professor Whish is president of the Competition Section and an Emeritus professor of law at King's College London. In 2014 he was appointed QC Honoris Causa.

He was a non-executive director of the Office of Fair Trading in the UK from 2003 to 2009, and a non-executive director of the Singaporean Energy Markets Authority from 2005 to 2011.

He is the co-author with David Bailey of Competition Law, 9th edition 2015 (OUP) and the author of many other books, articles case-notes and book reviews on aspects of international competition law and policy. He is also a member of the Brexit Competition Law working group.

Competition Section seminar: CPD for Irish PC holders

When: Tuesday 10 September 2019, 18:00 - 20:15

Venues: The Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL

Cost: Free for Section members, £35 + VAT for members working for NFP
From £75 + VAT for non-members

CPD

competencies: A2

This two-hour seminar will cover essential CPD requirements for Irish PC holders, with a particular focus on the regulatory element of Irish professional development.

The Competition Section of the Law Society is conscious that a large number of UK-based solicitors now hold Irish Practising Certificates and/or are admitted to the Roll of Solicitors in Ireland. Accordingly, those solicitors who hold Practising Certificates are required to comply with specific Irish CPD requirements.

In order to assist those solicitors, and in response to various requests from the Competition Section's membership, the Section will run a two-hour seminar, covering a number of topics including anti-money laundering.

The event will be held at the Law Society and facilitated by Irish law firm Mason Hayes & Curran

Speakers: Mason Curran solicitors – exact names to be confirmed

Competition Section Annual dinner and awards

When: Thursday 21 or 28 November 2019 (TBC), 18:30 - 22:30
Venues: The Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL
Cost: From £130

The Law Society's Competition Section is pleased to announce that its formal annual dinner and Horsfall-Turner Essay Prize Awards will take place in the Law Society's Hall. This event provides an excellent opportunity to meet solicitors and other professionals working in the competition field, as well as to entertain clients and valued contacts.

The evening will start with a reception at 18:30 in the Reading Room followed by dinner at 19:30 in the Common Room.

Dress code for this event is black tie.

For more information on the Horsfall-Turner Essay Prize please visit our website
Below is a photograph of the 2018 dinner with keynote Professor Richard Whish. To hear the speech or see more images of the dinner visit the Competition Section web site.



Webinars

Section members benefit from free access to four topical webinars per year, access to all previous recordings and a 20% discount on other Law Society webinars.

www.lawsociety.org.uk/competition

Competition Section: Competition litigation reviewing 2018's key developments

When: 23 January 2019

Cost: Free for section members, £45 to non-members

This webinar will provide an overview of the key developments in English Competition litigation from 2018, including the *Iiyama*, *Vattenfall*, *BritNed* and *Mastercard* cartel cases.

It will also consider jurisdictions, governing law, damages assessments and procedural law.

By attending this webinar you will gain:

- an understanding of the latest trends in decision making at the English High Court and beyond
- awareness of the key developments from 2018's competition cartel cases
- practitioner tips for success
- an insight on potential future strategies for 2019

Speakers: Scott Campbell and Anna Morfey, partners, Hausfeld

Scott is a partner and qualified solicitor at Hausfeld and focuses on representing organisations with disputes arising out of breaches of competition law. He has over a decade's experience of litigating competition disputes in the English High Court, the Court of Appeal and the Competition Appeal Tribunal.

Whilst recognising that litigating disputes is often the only sensible way forward, Scott is also adept at resolving disputes out of Court, often by way of mediation. Scott has acted on various large cartel cases such as *Marine Hoses*, *Paraffin Wax*, *Copper Fittings*, *Air Cargo & Carbon & Graphite Products*.

Anna is a partner and solicitor-advocate, with extensive litigation experience in both the English and EU courts. Anna has represented clients in a number of the highest-profile competition claims, including cartels such as *Gas Insulated Switchgear (National Grid v ABB & others)*, *Marine Hoses*, *Carbon and Graphite*, *Elevators and Escalators*, *Industrial Bags* and *Smart Card Chips*, and is currently representing claimants in actions against the *Bearings* and *Foam* cartels.

Competition Section: The interface between public procurement and competition law (OnDemand)

When: 21 November 2018

Cost: Free for section members, £45 to non-members

There are many factors relating to competition law that need to be considered when advising on public procurement.

Whether you work in-house or for a law firm, this webinar will help you understand how to avoid competition law breaches and foresee the difficulties that can arise with public procurement.

This webinar covers:

- bid rigging - a public procurement law perspective
- joint bidding - a 'by object' restriction?
- information sharing in the context of a public procurement
- state aid and public procurement
- the definition of an 'understanding' in the context of public purchasing
- By attending this webinar, you will gain a better understanding of:
- how competition law issues can arise in the context of public purchasing
- how to mitigate competition law risks in the context of a public procurement

Speakers

Graeme Young, partner, CMS UK and Totis Kotsonis, partner, Eversheds Sutherland

Graeme Young is a partner specialising in all aspects of EU and UK competition law. This includes advising on compliance issues, provision of dawn raids, supply and distribution agreements, joint ventures and strategic commercial agreements, and merger control. He has also advised on a number of competition law investigations under the Competition Act and competition litigation before the courts (in Scotland and in England and Wales). Graeme has specific experience in the regulated utilities sectors, including airports and aviation and other transport sectors.

Dr Totis Kotsonis is a competition and EU law partner recognised for his particular expertise in public procurement, state aid and regulatory law, including aviation, rail and energy regulation.

Totis leads the firm's procurement, state aid and EU regulatory practice, which spans all major sectors, including aerospace and defence, transport, energy and infrastructure. He advises on both compliance and contentious matters, including in relation to litigation in national courts and the CJEU.

Totis has been recognised in legal directories for his 'unparalleled knowledge' and 'stellar reputation for his work in relation to state aid rules, EU procurement law and sector and utility regulation', and for combining 'impressive legal knowledge with excellent judgement and pragmatism, offering multinational clients a wealth of insight into areas including utilities and energy'.

Amongst other accolades, Totis is listed as a top tier of procurement experts in Chambers UK 2018 while the latest edition of international legal directory Who's Who Legal lists Totis as the highest ranking 'thought leader' for government contracts in Europe, the Middle East and the Africa region.

Competition Section: Understanding full functionality in joint ventures (OnDemand)

When: 5 September 2018

Cost: Free for section members, £45 to non-members

How independent must a joint venture (JV) be from its parents? What does the European Commission mean when it talks about a real estate JV lacking an autonomous, long-term business activity in the market?

The European Commission's guidance on what constitutes a 'full-function' JV can be difficult to interpret. The issue often arises in the real estate and infrastructure sectors, where companies with significant global and EU-wide revenues make joint investments.

The webinar covers:

- what full-functionality means in practice
- the relevance of the Austria Asphalt case decision
- the relevance of HeidelbergCement / Schwenk / Cemex in market concentration.

Speakers:

- Matt Evans, Antitrust and Competition partner, Jones Day
- James Marshall, Antitrust and Competition partner, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner

Matt Evans advises on both merger control and behavioural competition law matters. On transactions, he represents clients before the Competition and Markets Authority and European Commission to obtain regulatory clearance for mergers and acquisitions and joint ventures. On the behavioural side, Matt advises on investigations into anticompetitive agreements and practices, including cartels and supply arrangements, market investigations, abuses of dominant positions, state aid, and EU free movement issues. He has extensive experience advising clients on the merger control aspects of real estate joint ventures. More generally, he works with clients in a range of sectors, including real estate, energy, healthcare, telecoms, technology, music and fast-moving consumer goods.

James Marshall advises on all aspects of competition law and sector regulation, including mergers, investigations, commercial agreements, behavioural issues, compliance and risk. He has experience of conduct regulation and competition issues in infrastructure and financial sectors. James also has extensive experience of advising on merger control for real estate and infrastructure joint ventures. He has also worked with major global businesses across the UK, Europe, Australia and the wider Asia-Pacific region. James recently spent six months working with the UK Competition and Markets Authority, helping develop policy and guidance for the UK competition regime

Competition Section: Innovation theories of harm and horizontal mergers

When: 14 May 2018

Cost: Free for section members, £45 to non-members

This webinar examines the lively debate on how horizontal mergers can have an impact on innovation.

It explains innovation theories of harm, i.e. those that go beyond a concern that a merger would impact on price and quality but restrict the degree of innovation, irrespective of their impact on price and quality. These theories have been advocated by economists working at DG Competition in recent academic papers.

The webinar will cover:

- Pure innovation theories of harm
- Rebuttals to such theories
- Implications for merger policy
- By attending this webinar, you will gain:
 - An update on this topical debate
 - A framework for assessing innovation effects in horizontal mergers

About the speaker:

Adrian Majumdar, Partner, RBB Economics

Dr Adrian Majumdar is a Partner at RBB Economics. Prior to taking his post at RBB in April 2004, Adrian was the Deputy Director of Economics at the UK competition authority, the Office of Fair Trading (OFT), now part of the CMA.

Adrian has published widely on nearly all aspects of competition economics and is a co-author of the textbook, UK Merger Control, 2016. Adrian is on the Advisory Board of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL) Competition Law Forum. Adrian is also a non-governmental advisor for the UK to the International Competition Network and has acted as an expert for the OECD on competition matters. Adrian lectures for King's College London, where he is a Course Director of the Postgraduate Diploma/Masters in Economics for Competition Law, attended by staff from numerous international competition authorities. Adrian completed his undergraduate studies at Cambridge University and his PhD at the Centre for Competition Policy at the University of East Anglia.

Adrian has advised on some of the leading competition law cases in Europe, including Intel (for AMD) and Post Danmark II. Working on competition matters since 1995, Adrian has a wealth of experience covering horizontal and vertical mergers, abuse investigations, cartels, vertical agreements, market inquiries and investigations, regulation, litigation matters and compliance advice. He has advised numerous companies before the European Commission and national competition authorities around the world, covering a wide range of industries. Adrian has also provided expert testimony for the UK Ministry of Justice and the Law Society of England and Wales and has experience of being cross examined and hot tubbing before the UK Competition Appeal Tribunal.

Competition Section: Legal privilege in competition law and the potential implications of Brexit (OnDemand)

When: 20 Jan 2018

Cost: Free for section members, £45 to non-members

This webinar looks at the ramifications Brexit will create for English qualified lawyers, especially competition solicitors.

The UK's exit from the European Union will have ramifications for legal professional privilege across the continent, and especially for lawyers qualified in England and Wales.

The Commission has a general power to examine all documents. A narrow exemption was provided by *AM&S Europe Ltd v Commission* (Case 155/79 [1982] ECR 1575) ('AM&S').

However, the *AM&S* case suggests that the clients of English qualified lawyers will be unable to assert legal professional privilege arising from communication with those lawyers against the Commission should the UK cease to be an EEA member state post-Brexit.

This webinar will look at the ramifications this will create for English qualified lawyers, especially competition solicitors.

Topics to be covered include:

- general principles of legal privilege in competition law cases
- recent cases of interest to competition lawyers
- situations where privilege can be lost
- the position of EEA qualified lawyers continuing to practice in the UK
- the impact on lawyers in other member states
- practical steps to take to prepare for Brexit.

Speakers:

- Patrick Boylan, partner, Simmons & Simmons
- Chris Owen, managing associate, Simmons & Simmons

Patrick is a partner and solicitor advocate (All Higher Courts) in the dispute resolution group in London. He is a commercial dispute resolution specialist with a particular focus on contentious competition matters, cross-border disputes, investigations and arbitration. He is also an expert on privilege.

Chris is a managing associate in the commercial litigation group in London. He is also a qualified solicitor advocate in England & Wales for all civil courts. He practices across a wide spectrum of commercial litigation disputes with a particular focus on competition litigation, energy and infrastructure matters and jurisdiction disputes.

Member Offer

Horsfall Turner essay prize

The Horsfall Turner essay prize is a prestigious award presented to the best essay submission on a given topic every year. It is designed to encourage young lawyers to engage with competition and European law.

The first prize is £1,000 plus a highly commended prize/s of £250. All winners were invited as guests to the Competition Section's Annual Dinner, where their prizes were presented by the keynote speaker



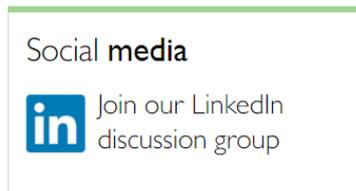
Please visit our website to read the 2018 winner's essay or see photos of the night.

Previous winners are below but more winner can be found on our web site:			
Year	Question	Winners	Keynote speaker
2018	The judgment of the Court of Justice in the Coty case changes nothing for the selective distribution model. Discuss.	<p><u>First prize:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helena Connors, Bristows LLP <p><u>Highly commended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Patrick Todd, Herbert Smith Freehills</u> 	Professor Richard Whish, president of the Competition Section and an Emeritus professor of law at King's College London
2017	What challenges does the digital economy present for the development of antitrust law	<p><u>First prize</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anne Eckenroth, Herbert Smith Freehills LLP <p><u>Highly commended prizes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emile Abdul-Wahab at Ashurst LLP 	Professor Carl Baudenbacher, president of the EFTA Court

2016	What changes, if any, do you think should be made to UK competition legislation, and to the way it is enforced, in the event of a UK exit from both the European Union and the EEA	<p><u>First prize</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Katherine Zinser, Slaughter & May. <p><u>Highly commended prizes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Adam Bruell, Hogan Lovells International LLP Ms Chloe Kite, DLA Piper. 	Dr Andrea Coscelli, acting chief executive of the Competition and Markets Authority.
2015	'Brexit: what would it mean for the UK competition law landscape	<p><u>First prize:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Jasminder Chaytor, Berwin Leighton Paisner <p><u>Highly commended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Ali Sadek, Freshfields Ms Laura K. Elliott, Cooley (UK) LLP 	Judge Ian S. Forrester of European Union General Court
2014	Object or effect: where do competition authorities need to draw the line?"	<p><u>First prize:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aoife Monaghan, Linklaters LLP <p><u>Highly commended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Kwan, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP Daniel Schwarz, Clifford Chance 	Lord David Currie, chairman, Competition and Markets Authority
2013	Will the UK Government's proposed opt-out regime for collective damages actions facilitate redress for victims of competition law infringements to any significant extent?	<p><u>First prize:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daniel Carall-Green, Slaughter & May 	Philip Lowe, non-executive director of the Competition and Markets Authority and director general for energy, European Commission

LinkedIn

The Competition Section enables members to share news, features, events and other relevant activities in a private environment. Increase your competition legal network and join our LinkedIn group.



Website

Our Competition Section website is the one-stop-shop for everything related to competition law and is searchable - please go to www.lawsociety.org.uk/competition.

Throughout the year we have been highlighting the implications of Brexit for Competition practitioners - [see our Brexit web page](#)

Committee

Thank you to our committee members

This programme of engagement was created in close consultation with the Competition Section Advisory Committee to ensure it is relevant and timely.

The committee meets up to five times a year to discuss the key issues facing the competition legal community. They advise the Law Society on how it can best support its members that work internationally in fields such as general competition law, abuse of dominance, cartels, litigation, merger control, sectoral regulation, market and sector investigations, state aid, public procurement and Brexit. We look at a wide range of markets from international broadband supply to consumer goods and beyond.

The Advisory Committee is chair Richard Eccles, partner and solicitor at Bird and Bird LLP, vice chair is Matt Evans, partner and solicitor Jones Day. Jonathan Goldsmith is the EU Council member. The Law Society thanks all of the committee members, for their commitment, time and contribution.

Committee Member	Organisation	Role
Chair: Richard Eccles	Bird & Bird LLP	partner
Vice-chair: Matt Evans:	Jones Day	partner
Frances Barr	Competition and Markets Authority	procedural officer
Carole Begent	Payment Systems Regulator	head of Legal
Alastair Chapman	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	partner
Niall Collins	Mason Hayes & Curran	head of Competition and Anti-trust team
Cameron Firth	MacFarlanes	partner
Davina Garrod	Akin Gump	partner
Jonathan Goldsmith		partner
Keith Jones	Baker & McKenzie LLP	partner
Sarah Jordan	Kirkland & Ellis International LLP	partner
James Marshall	Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP	partner
Becket McGrath:	Cooley (UK) LLP	partner
Maria Ouli	JP Morgan	Senior Competition lawyer & Anti-Corruption officer
André Pretorius	Herbert Smith Freehills LLP	partner
Nigel Seay	Travers Smith LLP	head of Competition
Omar Shah	Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP	partner
Stephen Smith	Bristows LLP	partner
Isabel Taylor	Slaughter and May	partner
Graeme Young	CMS Cameron McKenna	partner

About the Law Society

The Law Society exists to represent, promote and support all solicitors, so they in turn can help their clients.

We also work to ensure that no-one is above the law and to protect everyone's right to have access to justice. We promote England and Wales as the jurisdiction of choice and the vital role legal services play in our economy. We work internationally to open up markets to our members and to defend human rights while supporting our members with opportunities in the domestic market.

The Law Society helps members by:

- representing solicitors by speaking out for justice and on legal issues
- promoting solicitors through publicising the value of using a solicitor at home and abroad
- supporting solicitors by helping them develop their expertise and their business, respective of whether they work for themselves, in-house or for a law firm

The Law Society represents the profession by:

- campaigning on the rule of law, human rights, access to justice and regulation. This includes lobbying in Brussels, Westminster and Cardiff and in the media.
- working with international legal bodies to position the Law Society as a thought-leader on global issues
- intervening in cases where solicitors and the law are under threat in the UK and abroad
- helping our members to represent key issues impacting the profession to their MP, AM or MEP
- using the law to challenge changes which will impact negatively on the profession and society
- championing and facilitating pro bono work

The Law Society promotes the profession by:

- internationally working to open and grow markets for English and Welsh law such as inward visits of foreign lawyers and trade missions
- providing and increasing awareness of Find a Solicitor – our website enabling consumers and businesses to find a solicitor who can meet their needs
- hosting our annual Excellence Awards which highlight and celebrate outstanding contributions across the profession
- recognising the contribution solicitors make to civil society and communities
- publicising the value of legal services to the UK economy

The Law Society supports the profession by:

- identifying issues and market trends affecting solicitors to help them prepare for the future
- developing a comprehensive and cohesive education and training offer
- providing practice notes and guidance on issues important to members
- giving advice through our library and helplines
- running accreditation schemes to support and demonstrate effective practice
- creating communities of members based on who you are and what you do
- supporting those who find it difficult to enter the profession through our Diversity Access Scheme
- offering consultancy services for members who want more detailed help
- assisting members who wish to practice abroad