

The Competition Section's First International Summer Antitrust Conference 2021

Day One – Wednesday 23 June

10:00 – 10:10	<p>Welcome and introduction Speaker: James Marshall, Chair of Competition Section Committee and Partner, Covington & Burling LLP</p>
10:10 – 11:40	<p>Enforcers roundtable – what has happened to cartel enforcement and other stories?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What next for cartel enforcement?</i> • <i>Is digital a distraction?</i> • <i>Is the Damages Directive to blame for a lack of cartel enforcement?</i> • <i>What next for agency cooperation?</i> • <i>What about remedies for behavioural / conduct cases - are they working?</i> <p>Chair: Professor Richard Whish, President of the Competition Section and Emeritus professor of Law at Kings College London</p> <p>Panellists: Marcus Bezzi, Executive General Manager, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Aik Kor Sia, Chief Executive, Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore Martin Snoep, Chairman of the board, The Netherlands Authority for Consumers and Markets (ACM) Isolde Goggin, Chairperson, Irish Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Inge Bernaerts, Director Dir. A: Policy and Strategy, DG COMP Dr Michael Grenfell, executive director, enforcement, Competition and Markets Authority Masaru Ogo, Deputy Secretary General for International Affairs, Japan Fair Trade Commission</p>
11:40 – 14:30	Break
14:30 – 15:00	Networking
15:00 – 15:10	<p>Welcome back and introduce panel Speaker: Carole Begent, Competition Section committee member and General Counsel and Head of Regulatory and Competition Enforcement, PSR</p>
15:10 – 15:50	<p>Competition enforcement post-Brexit: what lies ahead? <i>The UK appears to be positioning itself in the aftermath of Brexit as a prominent antitrust enforcement jurisdiction. This session will explore changes we are already witnessing and what we can expect to see in the coming years, covering the CMA's muscular approach to merger control, how public competition law enforcement might develop, in particular in response to political pressure for change, and the role of private enforcement, including the tools available to companies and consumers harmed by anticompetitive conduct. The panel discussion will be of particular interest to advisers and companies, including outside the UK, involved in global mergers and acquisitions and to competition law practitioners, in-house counsel and public affairs consultants who want to understand UK competition enforcement</i></p>

	<p><i>policy and the options for redress for anyone harmed by restrictive trade practices</i></p> <p>Chair: Matt Evans, Competition Section committee member and partner, Jones Day</p> <p>Panellists: Anneli Howard QC, Barrister, Monckton Chambers Okeoghene Odudu, University Senior Lecturer, Fellow in Law, Emmanuel College Cambridge John Fingleton, Founder and CEO, Fingleton</p>
15:50 – 16:00	<i>Short break</i>
16:00 – 16:40	<i>Concurrent sessions</i>
	<p>Digital regulation and antitrust / abuse cases – what are the real issues?</p> <p><i>This session will provide an overview of the initiatives in the UK and EU to introduce ex ante regulation of technology companies and their respective implementation challenges. It will also explore some of the specific emerging themes, including the role of data, the tension that can arise between promotion of competition and data privacy and striking the right the balance between enforcing new regulations and retaining a role for general competition law. The panel will be of interest to anyone who advises technology companies or businesses that interact with them.</i></p> <p>Chair: Becket McGrath, Competition Section Committee Member and Partner, Euclid Law</p> <p>Panellists: Cristina Caffara, Senior Consultant, European Competition, Charles River Associates Professor Sean Ennis, CCP Director and Professor of Competition Policy, Centre for Competition Policy and Norwich Business School, University of East Anglia Luisa Affuso, Chief economist, Ofcom Kevin Coates, Senior of Counsel, Covington</p>
	<p>Life sciences and healthcare - on the antitrust operating table?</p> <p>Chair: Omar Shah, Competition Section Committee Member and partner, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius UK LLP</p> <p>Panellists: Robert O'Donoghue QC, Brick Court Chambers Margaret Kyle, Chair in Intellectual Property and Markets for Technology, MINES ParisTech Brendan Fee, Partner, Morgan Lewis</p>
16:40 – 16:50	<i>Short break</i>
16:50 – 17:20	<i>Concurrent plenary sessions</i>
	<p>ESG / Sustainability and ethics in Competition Law, or Green Wash cartels?</p> <p><i>Should competition law be focused on facilitating wider social / ethical 'goods' or is green enough? What about the CMA market study into EVs?</i></p> <p>Chair: Luis Gomez, Partner, Baker McKenzie</p> <p>Panellists: Samantha Mobley, partner, EU, Competition & Trade Practice, Baker McKenzie</p>

	Dirk Middelschulte, VP Global General Counsel Competition, Unilever Adrian Majumdar, RBB Economics
	Competition in thought - is competition law doing enough to support diversity? Chair: Maria Ouli, Competition Section Committee member and Antitrust and Anti-Corruption Compliance, JPMorgan Panellists: Satyen Dhana, Partner, Simmons & Simmons Sophia Real, Competition Counsel, Google Belgium Chris Pike, Managing Director, Head of Digital Markets, Fideres
17:20 – 17:30	Closing remarks Speaker: Keith Jones, Vice-Chair, Competition Section Committee and Head of Competition, London and Baker McKenzie
17:30 – 18:00	Networking

Day two – Thursday 24 June

14:30 – 15:00	Networking
15:00 – 15:05	Welcome Speaker: Davina Garrod, Competition Section Committee member and Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
15:05 – 15:50	Keynote address Speaker: Jonathan Scott, Chair and Non-Executive Director, Competition and Markets Authority
15:50 – 16:00	<i>Short break</i>
16:00 – 16:35	Concurrent plenary sessions
	Merger Control <i>“The CMA is tougher on mergers” – true says private practice and CMA leadership, false say some in the CMA – What is going on and why says the rest of the world? Does the UK review court (the CAT) do an adequate job?</i> Chair: Keith Jones, Vice-Chair, Competition Section Committee and Head of Competition, London and Baker McKenzie Panellists: Claire Jeffs, Partner, Slaughter and May Ioannis Kokkoris, Professor of Competition Law and Economics; Dean for International, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Queen Mary University of London John Davies, executive Vice President, Compass Lexecon Nelson Jung, partner, Clifford Chance Sarah Cardell, General Counsel at the Competition and Markets Authority
	Competition Law regime post Brexit - Competition litigation <i>Is the UK a dying jurisdiction?</i> Chair: Nigel Seay, Competition Section Committee and Partner, Head of Competition, Travers Smith Panellists: Anna Morfey, Partner, Hausfeld Tom de la Mare QC, Barrister, Blackstone Chambers Joseph Bell, Partner, Oxera

16:35 – 16:45	<i>Short break</i>
16:45 – 17:45	<p>Article 22 referrals – what happened to legal certainty? Chair: Ruchit Patel, Competition Section Committee and partner, Ropes & Gray Panellists: Julia Brockhoff, Head of Unit, Merger Case support and policy, European Commission David Little, Partner, Latham & Watkins Barry O'Donnell, Senior Economist, Competition and Consumer Protection Commission Professor Steve Salop, Professor of economics and law, Georgetown Law</p>
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