

Competition Section Engagement Programme 2020 - 2021

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About the Section

The Competition Section is a subscription-based Law Society membership group. It promotes knowledge and awareness of competition law developments and addresses current issues and challenges facing competition law practitioners

Membership provides a tailored package of SRA continuing competency support through guidance on legal and market developments and peer networking.

To design the programme of member support, the Section receives recommendations from the Competition Section Advisory committee and the wider membership including through feedback from surveys, on line discussion groups and events, etc. Our emphasis is to give our members guidance from experts in their fields who have day-to-day experience of dealing with the issues covered and can provide them with practical experience to assist with their unique challenges.

Our rolling programme is delivered through a range of inclusive activities including seminars, webinars, podcasts, e-newsletters, website and our LinkedIn group, plus members receive discounts for related conferences, webinars and publications such as our Competition Section annual conference.

For more information and to join, www.lawsociety.org.uk/competition/joinus

Foreword



Welcome to the Law Society's Competition Section 2020-21 engagement programme.

The Competition Section promotes knowledge and awareness of competition law developments and addresses current issues and challenges facing competition law practitioners. The Section Advisory Committee's role is to provide expert practitioner input, guiding the Law Society on identifying issues, generating content and hosting a wide variety of events, to ensure the engagement programme is both relevant and practical.

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 designing our events and selecting seminar topics. If there are topics we are not covering but should be, or ways of engaging with our members that we are missing, please let us know.

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

This brochure/engagement programme will provide an overview of the plans for the year but is subject to change so please refer to our website for the latest updates.

James Marshall

Chair of the Competition Section advisory committee and partner, Covington & Burling LLP.

Keep track of your professional learning

The Competition Section has compiled a list of competency codes to help you record your professional development. Keeping track of your training can seem like one more task on a solicitor’s to-do list. We have listed the minimum Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) continuing competency codes covered in our support for Competition Section members.

What we’ve covered so far

The table below lists the SRA codes covered recently, most of which is still available OnDemand. We will update this SRA training tracker throughout the year as the programme rolls-out.

SRA codes covered between 1 November 2018 and 31 November 2020			
When	Name of product	Product type	SRA codes
November 2018	Competition Section webinar: The interface between public procurement and competition law	Inclusive	A2, A5, B1
November 2018	Competition Section seminar: UK national security law and merger control (Slides to download)	Inclusive	A2, A4, A5, B1, C2
November 2018	Competition Section annual dinner and awards: Podcast of keynote speech on Brexit and the future of competition law (Audio to hear)	Inclusive	A2
December 2018	Competition Section seminar: Update on recent pharmaceutical competition cases	Inclusive	A2, A5, B1
January 2019	Competition Section webinar: Competition litigation reviewing 2018’s key developments	Inclusive	A2, A4
February 2019	Competition Section seminar: The impact of data on merger control (Chatham house event)	Inclusive	A2, A4, A5, B6, B7
March 2019	Competition Section seminar: UK mergers update	Inclusive	A2
April 2019	Competition Section seminar: Review of the Digital Competition Experts Panel report (Audio to hear)	Inclusive	A1, A2, A4, B1, B3

May 2019	*Competition Section annual conference:	Discounted	A2
May 2019	Competition Section webinar: Avoiding the antitrust perils of illegal information exchange	Inclusive	A2, A4
June 2019	Competition Section seminar: President's update – key trends in competition law 2018-2019 (Audio and slides to view OnDemand)	Inclusive	A2
July 2019	Competition Section webinar: Dawn raids: best practices and recent developments	Inclusive	A2, A4
September 2019	Competition Section webinar: Vertical Agreements: The Digital Dimension and Risks (60mins)	Inclusive	A2, A4
September 2019	Competition Section seminar: CPD for Irish Practicing Certificate holders (Slides to view OnDemand)	Inclusive	A2
Oct 2019	Competition Section seminar: Competition litigation law challenging transaction chains (Chatham house event)	Inclusive	A2
Dec 2019	Competition Section seminar: Abuse of dominance – recent developments in the UK and Europe (Audio and slides view OnDemand)	Inclusive	A2, B1, B7
Mar 2020	CMA UK Merger control (Audio and slides view OnDemand)	Inclusive	A2
March 2020	Podcast: New CMA cartel awareness campaign, Cheating or Competing (Audio to hear OnDemand)	Inclusive	A2
April 2020	Podcast: Reverse patent settlements and the GSK case (Audio and slides to view OnDemand)	Inclusive	A2
May 2020	Conference: cancelled due to Covid-19		
June 2020	Webinar: CMA merger control during the pandemic (Video to view OnDemand)	Inclusive	A2

June 2020	Teleconference: Competition section and ABA teleconference – CMA interventionism (Audio to hear OnDemand)	Inclusive	A2
July 2020	Webinar: EU merger control and life after Brexit - the view from Brussels. (Video to view OnDemand)	Inclusive	A2
Sept 2020	Webinar: Competition Section and ABA Introduction to US & UK merger filing issues (Video to view OnDemand)	Inclusive	A2
October 2020	Webinar: Advanced analytics at the CMA: What practitioners need to know (Video to view OnDemand)	Inclusive	A2
November 2020	Webinar: Whistl UK case – the case team’s perspective (Video to view OnDemand)	Inclusive	A2
November 2020	Webinar: Professor Whish’s presidents’ update - Competition law today and tomorrow (Video to view OnDemand)	Inclusive	A2

Our programme for 2020/2021

Below is the current planned programme of Competition Section support from 1 November 2020 to 31 November 2021 – including links to the OnDemand content. All the items below are inclusive to Competition Section members except those marked with a * which are discounted to Section members.

Over the year the Section is hosting a range of events on issues that matter to competition law practitioners, details of these events will be published on our [website](#) and below as they roll out (the programme is subject to change). To minimise Covid-19 disruption to our programme we have converted our face-to-face events to online.

Month	Name of product	Topic/Theme	Speaker/s
02/03/2021 5PM	Competition Section webinar:	Competition and Markets Authority UK mergers update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colin Rafferty, senior director, Mergers, Competition and Markets Authority
05/02/2021 5PM	Competition Section webinar:	How to navigate WTO, Brexit and Competition law in 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thomas Sebastian, Monckton Chambers
17/11/20 5PM	Competition Section webinar	Presidents update: Competition law today and tomorrow (Video)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professor Richard Whish
10/11/2020 5PM	Competition Section webinar	Whistle UK case – the case team’s perspective (Video)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Matthews, Ofcom Ian Strawhorne, Ofcom Neil Davies, Ofcom
OnDemand slide presentations and recordings still available to Section members			
October 2020	Competition Section webinar	Advanced use of analytics at the CMA: What practitioners need to know (Video)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stefan Hunt, chief data and technology insights officer, Competition and Markets Authority
Sept 2020	Competition Section webinar	Competition Section and ABA Webinar: Introduction to US & UK merger filing issues (Video)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stephen Smith, partner, Bristows LLP (UK) Kristin E. Shaffer, special counsel, Covington & Burling

			LLP (USA)
July 2020	Competition Section webinar	EU merger control and life after Brexit - the view from Brussels (Video)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balazs Horvath, Case officer, DG Competition, European Commission • Davina Garrod, Head of EU/UK Competition Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld LLP
June 2020	Competition Section webinar	Teleconference: Competition section and ABA teleconference – CMA interventionism (Audio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miranda Cole, Covington & Burling LLP • Nelson Jung, Clifford Chance LLP • Tara Reinhart, Skadden – Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (UK) LLP • John D. Harkrider – Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider LLP
June 2020	Competition Section webinar	CMA merger control during the pandemic (Video)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colin Rafferty, senior director • Anna Caro, assistant director <p>of Mergers, Competition and Markets Authority</p>
April 2020	Competition Section seminar	Reverse patent settlements and the GSK case (Audio and slides)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Sher, partner and co-head of Competition, CMS
March 20	Competition Section seminar	CMA UK mergers update (Audio and slides)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colin Rafferty, senior director of Mergers, Competition and Markets Authority
March 20	Competition Section podcast	CMA ‘Cheating or Competing’ campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Cartlidge, CMA • Matt Evans, Jones Day

December 2019	Competition Section seminar	Abuse of dominance – recent developments in the UK and Europe (Audio and slides)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robert O’Donoghue QC, barrister, Brick Court Chamber
September 19	Competition Section seminar	CPD for Irish PC holders covering 2hrs Irish regulatory requirement (Slides)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Niall Collins, partner, Mason Hayes & Curran Margaret Gray QC, Brick Court Chambers
September 19	Competition Section webinar:	Vertical Agreements: The Digital Dimension and Risks (60mins) (Video))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Richard Eccles, partner Bird & Bird LLP
July 19	Competition Section webinar:	Dawn raids: best practices and recent developments (Video)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Omah Shah, partner, Morgan Lewis Jasminder Nakhwal, partner, Peters & Peters
June 19	Competition Section seminar	President’s update – key trends in competition law 2018-2019 (Audio and slides)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professor Richard Whish
May 19	Competition Section webinar:	Avoiding the antitrust perils of illegal information exchange (Video)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graeme Young, partner, CMS
April 19	Competition Section seminar	Review of the Digital Competition Experts Panel report (Audio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professor Philip Marsden
February 19	Competition Section seminar	UK national security law and merger control (Slides)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Davina Garrod, head of EU/UK competition law, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP. Alan Webster, deputy director, Consumer &

			Competition Policy Directorate, Department of Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy.
November 18	Competition Section annual dinner and awards	Podcast of keynote speech on Brexit and the future of competition law (Audio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Richard Whish
November 18	Competition Section webinar	The interface between public procurement and competition law (Video)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graeme Young, CMS UK • Totis Kotsonis, Eversheds Sutherland
September 18	Competition Section webinar	Understanding full functionality in joint ventures (Video)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt Evans, Jones Day • James Marshall, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner
May 18	Competition Section webinar	Innovation theories of harm and horizontal mergers (Video)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adrian Majumdar, RBB Economics

Further OnDemand content is available on the Competition Section website

Competition Section essay prize

The Competition Section essay prize is a prestigious award presented to the best essay submission by a trainee solicitor 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 one (or two) highly commended prize/s of £250. All winners are invited as guests to the Competition Section's Annual Dinner, where their prizes are presented by the keynote speaker. The 2019 speaker was Christina Blacklaws.

2019 Horsfall Turner essay question

In 2019, experts from the European Commission (EC) and a UK Digital Competition Expert Panel both made recommendations to adapt competition law and policy to the challenges of the digital era. Do you think the EC was right to propose a presumption of anti-competitive conduct, effectively shifting the burden of proof for pro-competitive benefits onto platform operators?



Please visit our website to read the 2019 (and previous) 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
2019	'Earlier this year, experts from the European Commission (EC) and a UK Digital Competition Expert Panel both made recommendations to adapt competition law and policy to the challenges of the digital era. Do you think the EC was right to propose a presumption of anti-competitive conduct, effectively shifting the burden of proof for pro-competitive benefits onto platform operators?	<p><u>First prize:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imogen Green, Slaughter and May <p><u>Highly commended:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georgia Austin-Greenall, Norton Rose Fulbright LLP Jonas Levermann, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP 	Christina Blacklaws, former Law Society president.
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"> Patrick Todd, Herbert Smith Freehills 	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

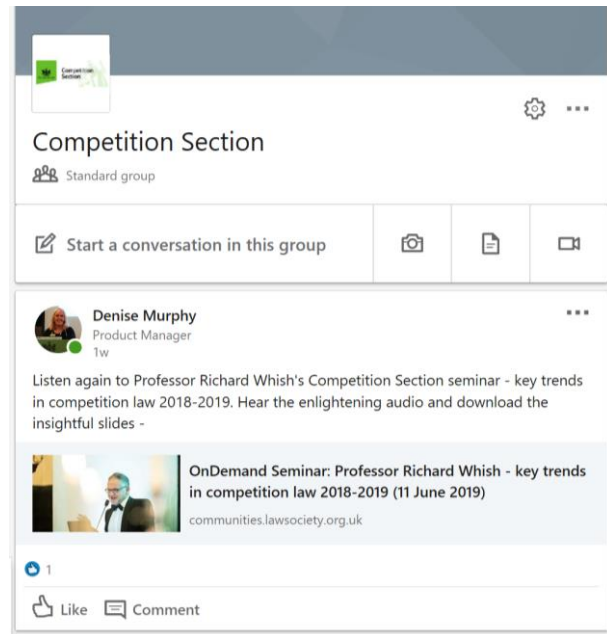
2013	Will the UK Government's proposed opt-out regime for collective damages actions facilitate redress for victims of competition law infringements to any significant extent?	<u>First prize:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daniel Carall-Green, Slaughter & May	Philip Lowe, non-executive director of the Competition and Markets Authority and director general for energy, European Commission
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LinkedIn

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

To find our LinkedIn group use the link on the Competition Section web page under About us, or enter the following in your Internet browser

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8320197/>

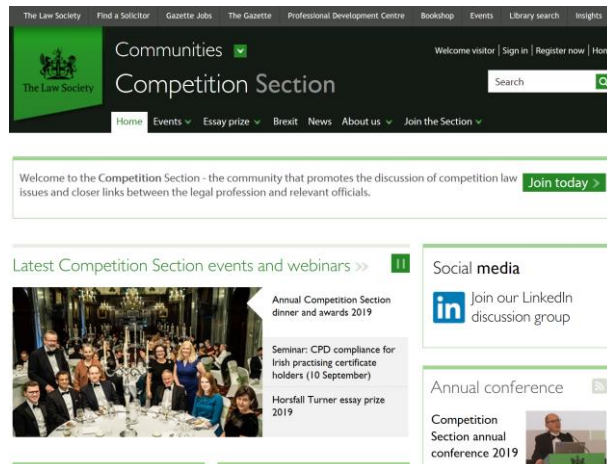


Website

The Competition Section website is a one-stop portal of information for the legal community and allows you to download past seminar recordings and slides. To access inclusive member only content, simply register and login on our web site www.lawsociety.org.uk/competition

If you have any difficulties accessing our events or content please do contact our membership services team Tel:0207 320 5804 or Email:

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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's Chair is James Marshall, partner and solicitor at Covington & Burling LLP, the Vice-chair is Keith Jones, partner and solicitor at Baker & McKenzie LLP. 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: James Marshall	Covington & Burling LLP	Partner
Vice-chair: Keith Jones	Baker & McKenzie LLP	Partner
Frances Barr	Competition and Markets Authority	Procedural officer
Carole Begent	Payment Systems Regulator	Head of Legal
Niall Collins	Mason Hayes & Curran	Head of Competition and Anti-trust team
Matt Evans	Jones Day	Partner
Cameron Firth	Macfarlanes LLP	Partner
Davina Garrod	Akin Gump Straus Hauer & Feld LLP	Head of EU/UK Competition
Jonathan Goldsmith		Consultant
Sarah Jordan	Kirkland & Ellis International LLP	Partner
Becket McGrath:	Euclid Law Limited	Partner
Maria Ouli	JP Morgan Chase & Co	Senior Competition lawyer & Anti-Corruption officer
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 (UK)	Partner