

SESSIONS

UK COMPETITION LAW CONFERENCE 2022 AGENDA:

UK Competition Law Conference

February 2023
London, United Kingdom

Registration & Refreshments

08:30 - 09:00

Morning Chair's Welcome and Introduction

09:00 - 09:05

Policy Developments

Participants

Simon Chisholm - Vice President, Charles River Associates

A View from the CMA: Review of 2021 and a Look Ahead to 2022 and Beyond

09:05 - 09:40

Policy Developments

- Recent trends and highlights from the CMA
- Digital enforcement and digital regulation
- Being an independent authority in a globalised world

Participants

John McInnes - Senior Legal Director, Competition and Markets Authority (CMA)

The Future of CMA Post-Brexit

09:40 - 10:20

Policy Developments

- UK Internal Market Act
- What is next after the Penrose Review?
- CMA's role post-Brexit: Is it becoming increasingly interventionist?
- Policy reform consultation e.g. changes to market studies
- Politicisation of competition law e.g. government's role in competition exclusion orders
- The role of consumer protection in competition law
- CMA's coordination with EU and other authorities
- Implications for managing competition law risk

Participants

Tim Capel - Legal Director, Competition and Markets Authority

Matthew O'Regan - Barrister, St John's Chambers

Natalie Greenwood - Partner, Euclid Law

Morning Coffee Break

10:20 - 10:40

Policy Developments

Concurrent Competition Law Enforcement

10:40 - 11:20

Policy Developments

- How efficient is concurrent regulation? What does concurrent regulation mean for corporates?
- How do regulators work with each other and share information?
- Lessons for the future: what is the optimal way to facilitate consumer welfare?
- An analysis of concurrent enforcement from the Payment Systems Regulator, CMA, FCA and Ofgem

Participants

Carole Begent - General Counsel and Head of Regulatory and Competition Enforcement, Payment Systems Regulator

Mark Mills - Deputy Legal Director, Ofgem

Marc Braithwaite - Acting Head, Competition Enforcement & Financial Analysis Department, Financial Conduct Authority

Merger Control including Current Approaches to Dynamic Markets

11:20 - 12:20

Merger Control

- How is the CMA approaching merger control including their approach to remedies
- CMA's new merger assessment guidelines: how are they working in practice?
- Is the CMA's approach different to the Commission's?
- Managing parallel investigations
- Failing/ flailing firms defence
- Counterfactuals in killer acquisitions
- FDI concerns including National Securities and Investment Act

Participants

Davina Garrod - Partner & Head of Competition, Akin Gump

Simon Pilsbury - Associate Director, Frontier Economics

Sorcha O'Carroll - Director of Mergers, Competition & Markets Authority

Olivia Hagger - Head of Antitrust, London Stock Exchange Group

National Securities and Investment Act

12:20 - 13:00

Merger Control

- Review of the Act
- Implications for FDI

Participants

Rahul Saha - Partner, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

Beth Martin - Deputy Director, Investment Security Unit and Policy, BEIS

Networking Lunch

13:00 - 14:00

Merger Control

Update on Standalone and Follow-on Damages Cases

14:00 - 14:25

Litigation

- Review of significant recent standalone actions and follow-on damages cases
- Collective damages claims after Mastercard
- Takeaways from Coca-Cola strike out case
- Approach to disclosure

Participants

Daniel Beard QC - Barrister, Monckton Chambers

Impact of Remote Working on Digital Evidence and Investigations

14:25 - 14:35

Litigation

Participants

Donald Macdonald - eDiscovery Consultant, Consilio

UK's Approach to Big Tech

14:35 - 15:25

Competition Law in the Digital Markets

- UK approach to digital markets
- CMA's Digital market's unit: what are its aims and purposes?
- Practical lessons learnt from CMA's recent studies and investigations
- Regulatory future and potential divergence between the UK and Europe

Participants

Adrian Majumdar - Partner, RBB Economics

Will Hayter - Senior Director, Digital Markets Unit, Competition & Markets Authority (CMA)

Jodie-Jane Tingle - Associate Competition Counsel, Google

Stephen Almond - Director of Technology and Innovation, Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)

Moderator:: Pat Treacy - Senior Counsel, Bristows

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Vertical Restraints, Online Sales & Dual Distribution

15:25 - 16:10

Managing Vertical & Horizontal Risks

- Review of UK's Vertical Block Exemption
- Interaction and divergence from EU approach
- Online sales and dual distribution challenges
- RPM update
- Practical implications of recent enforcement action

Participants

Ethel Fonseca - Partner, RBB Economics

Eva Krogh - EMEA Legal Director, Veritas Technologies (UK) Limited

Julianne Devine - Global Antitrust Counsel, Diageo

Alexandru Potlog - Legal Director, UK & Ireland, AbbVie

Moderator:: Paolo Palmigiano - Head of the Competition, Trade and Foreign Investment Practice, Taylor Wessing

Afternoon Coffee Break

16:10 - 16:30

Managing Vertical & Horizontal Risks

Horizontal Risks, Information Exchange & Collaboration

16:30 - 17:15

Managing Vertical & Horizontal Risks

- UK's Horizontal guidelines review
- Collaboration in context: Covid-19, fuel shortages, sustainability: what is permissible?
- Implications of collaboration for A101, info exchange, sectoral regulation, A102, subsidies, establishing JVs etc
- Practical tips for corporates dealing with uncertainties and implications for compliance

Participants

Ilaria Filippi - Senior Counsel and Compliance Leader, Digital Solutions, Baker Hughes

Mari Scimemi (TBC) - Director, Global Competition Team, Barclays

Mark Hills - Specialist Competition Counsel, Santander

Alan Davis - Partner, Pinsent Masons

A View from CAT

17:15 - 17:55

A View from CAT

Participants

Mr Justice Marcus Smith - President, Competition Appeal Tribunal (CAT) & Judge, Chancery Division, High Court

Chair's Closing Remarks & Close of Conference

17:55 - 18:00

Networking Drinks Reception

18:00 - 19:10

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