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Monday 17 June

All working sessions will take place in the Abraham Lincoln Ballroom
Refreshment breaks and lunch will take place in the Manhattan Room

0800 – 1700 Registration

0845 – 0855 Welcome from the Conference Co-Chairs

0855 – 0900 Address
Amir Singh Pasrich International Law Affiliates, New Delhi, Delhi; LPD Assistant Treasurer/IBA Assistant Treasurer

0900 – 0930 Keynote address
Keynote speaker
Baroness Helena Kennedy Director, IBAHRI, London

0930 – 1100 Enforcers roundtable
Representatives from leading agencies will together discuss recent developments, what they are prioritising today and where they expect competition law policy to focus going forward. They will also talk about how they coordinate their work and what international cooperation among the world’s antitrust agencies will look like in the coming years.

Moderators
Janet Hui JunHe LLP, Beijing; Co-Chair, IBA Antitrust Section
Samantha Mobley Baker McKenzie, London; Co-Chair, IBA Antitrust Section

Speakers
Luisa Affuso Chief Economist, UK Office of Communications (Ofcom), London
Úna Butler Member, Competition and Consumer Protection Commission, Dublin
Adam Severt Assistant Chief, Technology and Digital Platforms Section, US Department of Justice, Washington, DC
Pinelopi Stamou Antitrust Case Support & Policy Unit, European Commission, Brussels

1100 – 1130 Coffee/tea break

MOBILE TELEPHONES
Delegates are requested to ensure that mobile telephones and any other portable devices are switched to silent in working sessions.
1130 – 1245  Cross border deal execution: the changing regulatory landscape
Merger control, which used to be a relatively predictable area of competition law, is now undergoing major developments around the globe, including in the UK. Competition authorities in the UK, Europe and globally are reviewing an ever-wider range of transactions, including evolving their approach to ensuring that transactions in digital markets are subject to detailed scrutiny. This panel will paint a picture of the current regulatory landscape, look to the future and consider the most effective strategies for navigating global merger control, foreign subsidy control and foreign investment review both now and in the years to come.

Moderators
Nisha Kaur Uberoi  Trilegal, Mumbai, Maharashtra; Newsletter Editor, IBA Antitrust Section
Alastair Mordaunt  Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, London; Working Group Officer, IBA Antitrust Section

Speakers
Gavin Bushell  Baker McKenzie, Brussels
Sarah de Morant  Associate General Counsel, Meta, London
Marco Ramondino  Deputy Head of Unit, DG Competition, European Commission, Brussels
Elizabeth Wang  Executive Vice President, Compass Lexecon, Boston, Massachusetts

1245 – 1415  Lunch

1415 – 1530  Sustainability and competition law – where are we today?
The Competition and Markets Authority is one of a number of antitrust regulators focused on ensuring that businesses have the guidance they need to take concrete action towards collaborating in an appropriate manner to help combat climate change. At the same time agencies have been firm in enforcing against agreements to restrict technical development at the expense of the environment. At the same time, we see divergence among competition regulators around the world on how to tackle what is essentially a global problem. What are the chances that agencies will be able to align on this topic?

Our panel will discuss the journey so far, where we are and whether agencies will align on this topic in the future.

Moderators
Petra Linsmeier  Gleiss Lutz, Germany; Secretary, IBA Antitrust Section
Julián Peña  Allende & Brea, Buenos Aires; Senior Vice-Chair, IBA Antitrust Section

Speakers
Edith Loozen  Research Associate, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam
Grant Murray  Baker McKenzie, London
Julian Nowag  Associate Professor, Lund University, Lund
Jorge Padilla  Chair, EMEA Practice, Compass Lexecon, Madrid

1530 – 1545  Coffee/tea break
Global digital markets and artificial intelligence: a regulatory race?

Regulators are racing to rein in the power of large digital platforms and the growth in artificial intelligence (AI) so that fast-evolving markets remain open and contestable. Global digital markets will increasingly be the subject of national and regional regulation. There are several open questions:

- Will first-mover EU regulation be copied across the world?
- How will the new UK digital regulation regime differ from the EU approach?
- Should regulations impose general or tailor-made requirements?

Our panel will discuss the developing global regulatory landscape including as it relates to AI and consider the compliance burden and opportunities.

Moderators
Sarretta McDonough Intel Corporation, Santa Clara, California; North American Regional Representative, IBA Antitrust Section
Kristina Nordlander Allen & Overy, London; Diversity and Inclusion Officer, IBA Antitrust Section

Speakers
Andrea Appella Associate General Counsel EMEA, OpenAI, London; Visiting Professor, King’s College London
Ariel Ezrachi Professor of Competition Law, Oxford University, London

Conference reception
Arundel House, Arundel Street, Temple, London WC2R 3DX

All registered delegates are invited to attend.
Arundel House is a five to 10-minute walk from the Savoy Hotel.
The role of the courts in enforcing competition law

Courts play a key role in the enforcement of European competition policy. Review by the courts ensures that public enforcement is lawful, that parties’ rights are observed and that authorities’ discretion is defined. The courts are also key actors in the development and interpretation of substantive law and are also responsible for deciding on private claims for damages caused by competition infringements. On this panel we will be joined by Sir Marcus Smith, President of the UK Competition Appeal Tribunal, along with leading judges and practitioners to discuss the multiple roles of the courts and the challenges they face.

Moderators
Andrew Ward  Gómez-Acebo & Pombo; Publications Officer, IBA Antitrust Section
Rein Wesseling  Stibbe, Amsterdam; Working Group Officer, IBA Antitrust Section

Speakers
Michael Keeley  Chair, Antitrust Group, Axinn Veltrop & Harkrider, Washington, DC
Anna Morfey  Ashurst, London; Co-Chair, IBA Antitrust Litigation Working Group
Sir Marcus Smith  President, UK Competition Appeal Tribunal, London
Judge Nils Wahl  European Court of Justice, Luxembourg

Coffee/tea break

Competition in-house counsel perspective on the challenges ahead

In-house counsel discuss their current and future topics of interest and compliance challenges including sustainability and competition law, handling investigations and legal privilege, navigating the new look distribution regimes as well as the practical aspects of managing global merger control.

Moderators
Fernando Carreno  Von Wobeser y Sierra, Mexico City; Latin American Regional Forum Liaison Officer, IBA Antitrust Section
Samantha Mobley  Baker McKenzie, London; Co-Chair, IBA Antitrust Section

Speakers
Layla Bakker  Group Head of Legal, Competition Law, Regulatory & Business Integrity, Tesco Plc, London
Natasha Franklin  Director – Competition Law & Compliance, British Airways, London
Edyth Kyegombe  Managing Counsel, Shell, London
Miguel Perez-Guerra  Director – Antitrust, AB InBev, London

Closing remarks from the conference Co-Chairs
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