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The 18th Burrell Competition Lecture and Dinner Monday 21 March, 2016
Middle Temple Hall, Middle Temple Lane,
London EC4Y 9AT

Judge Ian S. Forrester General Court of the European Union

"Object or effect?

Judicious thoughts on classic themes"

A seemingly expanding scope for "by object" infringements of competition law has been a controversial feature of recent enforcement. Object categorisation can relieve the regulator from having to prove that the conduct in question had anti-competitive effects, and permit very large fines on the basis that object infringements are the most serious. Conversely, it reduces the potential for effects analysis and for conduct or restrictions to be permitted where, on balance, they contribute to efficiencies on the basis that restrictions by object include the most serious forms of competition law infringement. The debate extends to intellectual property and the actions of IP-rich companies, whether in traditional parallel trade disputes or the more novel terrain considered in the pharmaceutical sector inquiry, pay-to-delay cases and pending investigations. Judge Forrester will review some of the classic case law of the European courts and consider current trends.

Ian Forrester QC was appointed to the General Court in October 2015 (to complete the mandate of Sir Nicholas Forwood) after a distinguished career in practice in Brussels, in the law firm he created himself and latterly as a partner in White & Case. He is a respected commentator on EU competition law issues. His many notable cases from his time at the Bar include Bosman, Magill, IMS and Microsoft.

The Lecture will commence at **6.00 pm** in The Middle Temple Hall followed by the Reception and Dinner from **7.15 pm**Dinner will take place in the Parliament Chamber Event will conclude by **10.30 pm**

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Rates and Registration

Full Rate: £120 (Dinner & Lecture) / £55 (Lecture Only)

Concessionary Rate: £75 (Dinner & Lecture) / £35 (Lecture Only)

Full-time academic or public sector/regulator employees only (other than

secondees from private practice)

Associate Rate: £20.00 (Lecture Only)

Students, trainee solicitors & pupil barristers only

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