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Dear Member

Afternoon Seminar at Herbert Smith Freehills: Monday 20 January 2020 at 3.30 pm

The CLA will be holding an afternoon seminar covering everything you need to know across Brexit's impacts for merger control, anti-trust investigations, competition litigation and state aid on **Monday 20 January** at **Herbert Smith Freehills LLP**, Exchange House, Primrose Street, London EC2A 2HS. Registration will be open from 3.00 pm and the seminar will begin promptly at 3.30 pm.

Brexit: the new reality for UK Competition Law in 2020

Speakers: Cameron Firth, George Peretz QC, Ann Pope, Simon Priddis, Colin Rafferty, Ben Rayment

1530-1620	Enforcement
1620-1650	State Aid
1650-1740	Mergers
1740-1810	Private Enforcement

The seminar will be followed by drinks and canapés. There is no additional charge for members. The registration fee for non-members is £120.00, £95 (full time academic/public sector employees), or £20 (students, trainees, pupil barristers). Should you wish to consider joining as a member of the CLA prior to the event, upon receipt of your application and payment you would be able to register to attend this event and all subsequent events this year (with the exception of the Burrell lecture and dinner) for free.

Registrations can be made in the usual way, via the new events section of the CLA website.

Online registration will close on Friday 17 January. Tickets will not be issued for this event.

With kind regards

Sharon Horwitz
Secretary

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PANEL SPEAKER BIOS

Enforcement

Cameron Firth is a partner at Macfarlanes. He advises clients on the full range of antitrust law issues, including: obtaining merger control clearances from regulators throughout the world; dawn raids and inspections undertaken by the UK and EU regulators; investigations (both by regulators and internal) in relation to anti-trust compliance; and providing advice and guidance on anti-trust and state aid compliance for both dominant and non-dominant companies.

Cameron has extensive experience of antitrust and regulatory litigation before the English Courts and the European Courts in relation to antitrust and regulatory issues, including cartel damages cases, having represented parties claiming damages as well as parties defending such claims. Cameron has particular expertise in the application of antitrust law in the retail / consumer sector as well as the application of both anti-trust law and IP / regulatory law in the pharmaceutical and media / telecoms / broadcasting sectors.

Ann Pope [bio to follow]

State Aid

George Peretz QC is a barrister at Monckton Chambers. George has considerable experience in advising and representing public and private sector clients on State aid issues, including appearances in the European Court of Justice and General Court. He has particular experience of advising government and private clients on the interplay between State aid and tax, having advised on a number of high profile issues in that area. Recent highlights include extensive advice on the Flood Re scheme to secure affordable flood insurance for those in homes at flood risk, representing the UK on the notification of the Emergency Services Mobile Communications Programme and representing HMRC in a judicial review involving State aid issues. He is Joint Convenor of the UK State Aid Law Association.

Private Enforcement

Ben Rayment is a Barrister at Monckton Chambers. Ben is a former Legal Secretary to the UK Competition Appeal Tribunal. Ben has extensive experience of a wide variety of competition litigation before domestic and international courts and tribunals acting on behalf of both private parties and competition authorities including the CMA and European Commission.

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Mergers

Colin Rafferty is Director of Mergers at the Competition and Markets Authority, where he leads the CMA's team on a variety of merger cases and policy initiatives. Prior to joining the CMA, Colin advised on all aspects of EU and UK competition law at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in London and, before that, at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton in Brussels and Washington DC.

Simon Priddis is the managing partner of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer's UK antitrust, competition and trade practice. He assists clients before EU and UK regulators and courts across the full range of domestic and European competition law, including merger control, Articles 101/102 and equivalent UK legislation, and cartel and market/sector investigations.

He provides strategic business advice to clients: including on transactions, (including mergers, acquisitions, disposals, joints ventures, carve-outs, licensing, etc); risk management strategies, (e.g. addressing upfront antitrust risks, investigations and litigation strategies); or counselling on discrete compliance challenges and execution of business strategy.

Simon represents clients across a wide range of sectors and industries, including financial services (stock exchanges, (re)insurance, banking and asset management), pharmaceutical and healthcare (R&D ventures, biotech, product development, distribution and specialist products), and telecoms, media and technology. He has extensive experience representing clients in front of the European Commission, UK Competition and Markets Authority, and other regulators. His experience working for a UK regulator and in private practice in Belgium and the US give him a deep understanding of how to work with the regulators in a wide range of transactional and investigatory environments, and how to devise successful cross-border commercial strategies for clients.

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