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Dear Member

Evening Meeting: Tuesday 7 June 2022 at 6:00 pm

The CLA will be holding an evening meeting on **Tuesday 7 June** at 6:00 pm at Addleshaw Goddard LLP, 60 Chiswell Street, London EC1Y 4AG. Registration will open at 5:45 pm and the talk will begin promptly at 6.00pm.

Jonathan Branton **George Peretz QC BL** and **Tatiana Siakka** have kindly agreed to speak on the following subject:

“THE SUBSIDY CONTROL ACT 2020”

The Subsidy Control Act received Royal Assent on 28 April 2022. It replaces EU State Aid in the UK with a new post-Brexit regime for the control of state subsidies (albeit subject to the Northern Irish Protocol). This event will explain the fundamental legal concepts underlying the new regime, the principles relevant to its application, the role of the CMA and questions of enforcement. As such it will be of widespread interest to all those advising on or concerned by commercial matters which may engage an element of direct or indirect state support.

Jonathan Branton is Head of EU/Competition at DWF and also leads the Government & Public Sector group. He has been advising on a broad range of EU/Competition issues for over 25 years. He is dual qualified in the UK and Ireland and advises in all aspects of EU and UK Competition law and also has long experience in international trade defence and WTO law issues. He is particularly well known for advising on all forms of State aid/ Subsidy Control and public procurement and in so doing acts for a wide range of clients, from large scale multi-nationals, through to central and local government bodies, mid-range corporates, universities and research organisations and a number of public sector institutions, funds and charities. In 2021 Jonathan provided evidence to the House of Commons Select Committee on the development of the then Subsidy Control Bill.

George Peretz QC BL is a barrister at Monckton Chambers, London, and the Law Library, Dublin. George's practice covers a wide range of public law, regulatory and tax issues, with particular strengths in competition and State aid, pharmaceuticals, VAT and customs/trade remedies, and agriculture. George has recently won a number of major cases in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, European Court of Justice and General Court and regularly leads in the senior English

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courts as well as in specialist tribunals such as the Competition Appeal Tribunal, Upper Tribunal, and the Tax and General Regulatory Chambers of the First-tier Tribunal.

Until he took silk in 2015, George had for many years been a member of the Attorney General's Panels, including the A panel from 2009, in which capacity he advised and represented the UK Government on a wide range of major EU and public law cases, including many cases in the European Court of Justice and higher English courts: he is now a member of the Welsh Government's panel of Leading Counsel. He is co-chair of the Joint Working Party of UK Bars and Law Societies on Competition Law and chair of the Bar Council Working Group on Retained EU Law. Recent legal writing includes Blackwell's Guide to the UK Internal Market Act 2020 (co-author) and McCrudden (ed) "The Law and Practice of the Ireland-Northern Ireland Protocol" (chapter on State aid).

Tatiana Siakka is a Senior Associate at Squire Patton Boggs. Tatiana is a competition law specialist experienced in State aid litigation. She has acted for clients in State aid challenges both before the EU Courts and in recovery proceedings in the UK – most recently in connection with the high stakes litigation relating to the UK capacity market where she successfully represented an intervener before both the UK High Court and the Court of Justice of the European Union – and is currently representing an aid beneficiary in its appeal before the Court of Justice of the European Union.

To register for this event, please visit the 'New Events' section of the CLA website:
<https://www.competitionlawassociation.org.uk/newevents.htm>

The session will be followed by drinks and canapés. There is no additional charge for members. There will be a charge for non-members: £50, £35 (full time academic/public sector employees), or £10 (students, trainees, pupil barristers).

Online registration will close midday on Monday 6 June.

With kind regards

Sharon Horwitz
Secretary

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