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Dear Member

Evening Meeting: Tuesday 4 October 2022 at 6:00 pm

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

Becket McGrath and **Ricardo Araujo** have kindly agreed to speak on the following subject:

“The UK Verticals Regime – a New Dawn? Block Exemption Guidance”

This event will explore the implications of the new regime for vertical agreements in the UK, following the guidance issued by the CMA in July 2022. Our speakers will identify the key changes to the UK regime, explore the points of difference between the UK and the parallel EU vertical guidelines, and consider the implications for businesses navigating the rules governing distribution agreements.

Becket McGrath is a Partner at Euclid Law. Becket advises clients on all aspects of EU and UK competition law, with an emphasis on defending companies against investigations, distribution issues and merger control. He is a leading expert on distribution issues raised by e-commerce, including in the context of selective distribution, and has advised major online retailers, marketplaces and brands on a wide range of strategic competition issues, as well as representing such companies on verticals cases before the European Commission and UK competition authorities. He is a member of the newly formed LIDC working group on distribution, franchising and e-commerce.

Ricardo Araujo is an Assistant Director at the Competition and Markets Authority. His role includes providing legal advice to case teams investigating potential breaches of the Competition Act 1998 and providing legal input into policy projects. More recently, he had a leading role on the review of the UK retained vertical agreements block exemption regulation, including on the development of the CMA Guidance on the Vertical Agreements Block Exemption Order 2022.

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Ricardo has over a decade of experience in providing legal advice and handling complex competition cases at other UK concurrent competition authorities, such as the Financial Conduct Authority and at the Portuguese Competition Authority.

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 3 October.

With kind regards

Sharon Horwitz
Secretary

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