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(International League for Competition Law)

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Dear Member

Evening Meeting and AGM: Wednesday 27 September 2023 at 6:00 pm

The CLA will be holding an evening meeting on **Wednesday 27 September** at Herbert Smith Freehills, Exchange House, Primrose Street London EC2A 2HS. This is being held in conjunction with our **Annual General Meeting**. Registration will open at 5:45pm, the AGM will begin promptly at 6:00pm followed by the talk at 6:15pm.

Matthew Byford, Josh Holmes KC and **Helen Fairhead** have kindly agreed to speak on the following:

“Costly conversations – a review of recent developments in the competition law applying to information exchange”

The panel moderated by Kim Dietzel will consider Ofcom's Motorola/Sepura infringement decision dealing with a 'costly conversation', as well as the information exchange issues that featured in the Phones4U trial. It will also touch on the amended EU Horizontal Guidelines (with their revised chapter on information exchange, which expands on a range of concepts and types of information sharing including hub-and-spoke arrangements, public announcements, data sharing and collaboration through algorithms), asking itself the question at what point transparency tips into anti-competitive information exchange.

Matthew Byford is a principal legal advisor at Ofcom. He was the lead legal advisor on Ofcom's recent decision to fine Sepura for sharing competitively sensitive pricing information with Motorola in the context of a tender process. He has previously advised on competition and regulatory law matters at Openreach and in private practice.

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Josh Holmes KC is a Barrister at Monckton Chambers specialising in competition law and regulation. He appears regularly before UK and EU Courts and regulators and has also advised on competition and regulatory matters arising in many other jurisdictions. He successfully defended the CMA's decision finding an information sharing infringement in the Lexon case before the Competition Appeal Tribunal and advised Ofcom in the Motorola/Sepura case.

Helen Fairhead is a Partner in the competition litigation team at Norton Rose Fulbright LLP in London. Helen has over 15 years' experience of litigation and has acted on competition litigation for Vodafone (SIM cards) and HSBC (FX). She currently acts for Qualcomm in the collective proceedings brought by Which?. Helen acted for Orange in the Phones 4U litigation which concerned allegations of information exchange.

A copy of the Notice of the AGM is attached together with draft minutes of last year's AGM.

Any member of the Association wishing to propose a resolution for consideration at the AGM may do so by giving seven clear days' notice in writing to the Secretary of his/her intention to do so. Please note that associate members of the Association are not able to propose a resolution for consideration at the AGM.

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 Tuesday 26 September.

With kind regards

Sharon Horwitz
Secretary