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Dear Member

Evening Meeting: Wednesday 18 June 2025 at 6:00 pm

The CLA will be holding an evening meeting on **Wednesday 18 June at 6pm** at Covington & Burling, 22 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4BQ. Registration will open at 6:00pm and the talk will begin promptly at 6.15pm.

Claudia Berg, Professor Annabelle Gawer and **Tom Reynolds** have kindly agreed to speak on the following:

Please mind the data gap! **Digital markets and getting access to data**

The panellists will discuss access to data from a competition law perspective, considering the legal bases for data access, the tension between data protection law, copyright law and competition law and the economic impact on innovation of sharing data.

Claudia Berg is a partner at Covington's London office. Prior to joining the firm, Claudia served as General Counsel of the UK Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), and as Senior Legal Director for Antitrust Enforcement at the UK Competition & Markets Authority (CMA). Claudia advises on the critical intersection between antitrust and privacy, counselling clients on digital regulation in Europe (including the EU DMA, the UK's DMCC Act, data protection, and AI).

Professor Annabelle Gawer is Chaired Professor in Digital Economy and Director of the Centre of Digital Economy at the University of Surrey Business School. An award-winning management scholar recognised for her pioneering research on digital platforms and eco systems, Professor Gawer acted as an independent digital expert for the CMA (2023-2025) to help ensure fair competition in digital markets. She has advised the European Commission on the regulation of online platforms as an Expert Member of the European Commission's Observatory of the Online Platform Economy (2018-2021). She has also advised the UK Parliament House of Lords, the UK Government, and the OECD. She regularly consults for major international corporations on digital platform and ecosystem strategy.

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Tom Reynolds is a Chief Economist at the Information Commissioners Office, specializing in data protection and privacy issues. His background is in regulatory and competition economics, primarily in digital markets and telecommunications. Before joining the ICO he worked for Ofcom, the UK communications regulator, and before this in economic consulting.

Based in London, he leads the ICO's economic functions and oversees analysis across the full range of ICO activities, including the consideration of policy impacts and the ICO's duties towards competition, innovation and growth; research into the value of data and of privacy; and input to investigations, enforcement and litigation.

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 registration fee for non-members: £50 (full rate); £35 (full time academic/public sector employees); £10 (students, trainees, pupil barristers).

Online registration will close midday on Tuesday 17 June.

With kind regards

Sharon Horwitz
Secretary