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Partner, Hogan Lovells  
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Barrister,  
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Panel Moderator



Christopher Vajda QC  
Former Judge of the United  
Kingdom and Northern Ireland  
at the Court of Justice of the  
European Union ("CJEU")  
Keynote Speaker



Johan Van Acker  
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Derek Ritzmann  
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## SCHEDULE

13:55 – 14:10	Opening Address and Competition law Update in Hong Kong by Forum Chairman Adrian Emch, Partner, Hogan Lovells
14:10 – 14:30	Keynote Session: Abuse of Dominance in the Digital Era: What can we learn from the European Court judgment in Google Shopping? Christopher Vajda QC, Former Judge of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland at the Court of Justice of the European Union (“CJEU”)
14:30 – 14:45	Complaints and Third-Party Strategies in European Merger Reviews Johan Van Acker, Partner, Van Bael & Bellis
14:45 – 15:00	Competition Law is Becoming More Muscular in Digital Markets - Implications for Corporate Counsel Derek Ritzmann, Expert, Economics Partners
15:00 – 15:20	Digital Crime – Advising In House Counsels on the Current Issues
15:20 – 15:35	Cartels in Asia – Understanding and Avoiding Huge Fines and Infringements in the New Age
15:35 – 15:50	Repercussions of the Proposed EU Foreign Subsidies Regulation in Asia Conor Quigley QC, Serle Court Chambers, London
15:50 – 16:15	Managing Competition Law Investigations Elvira Aliende Rodriguez, Partner, Shearman & Sterling
16:15 – 17:00	Grand Panel & Q/A – Enforcement & Compliance Issues – Challenges in 2022 and Regional Updates Moderator • Catrina Lam, Barrister, Des Voeux Chambers Panellists • Christopher Vajda QC, Former Judge of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland at the Court of Justice of the European Union (“CJEU”) • Knut Fournier, Chairperson, Hong Kong Competition Association
17:00 – 17:05	Chair wrap up & Closing Remarks

**Adrian Emch, Partner, Hogan Lovells**

Adrian Emch started focusing on antitrust law while at university. After graduation, he first worked at the Directorate-General for Competition (DG COMP) at the European Commission, and then spent several years in private practice in Brussels working on EU competition law matters. In July 2008, a month before the country's Anti-Monopoly Law came into force, Adrian made his second move to China. Since that time he has been stationed in Beijing, working on Chinese (and more recently Hong Kong) antitrust matters.

**Catrina Lam, Barrister, Des Voeux Chambers**

Catrina Lam has been "widely identified as Hong Kong's front runner for competition matters". She has advised and appeared in many of the first landmark cases on competition law and regularly advises on competition matters, as well as investigations of suspected contraventions of competition rules. She is ranked as a Tier 1 leading junior in the Competition section of The Legal 500.

She is currently the Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association's Committee on Competition Law. She is also the Founder and Vice-Chairman of the Hong Kong Chapter of the International League of Competition Law (LIDC), and was recently elected as one of the Vice Presidents to the LIDC Bureau for 2022/2023. She has been appointed onto the Competition Commission's Panel of External Counsel since January 2016 and was a Non-Governmental Adviser to the International Competition Network from 2018 to 2021.

**Christopher Vajda QC, Former Judge of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland at the Court of Justice of the European Union ("CJEU")**

Christopher Vajda QC was the judge of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland at the Court of Justice of the European Union ("CJEU") from 2012 to 2020. He practiced at Monckton Chambers prior to being elevated to the bench.

Christopher was party to judgments in a broad spectrum of fields, including competition and state aid, public international law, data protection and privacy, and tax.

He is a visiting professor at King's College, London, a lecturer on private international law at Luxembourg University and a member of the LCIA. He has written and spoken extensively, particularly in the area of competition and state aid (he was a contributor to Bellamy & Child, European Union Law of Competition for over 20 years), and on investment protection treaties. Recent talks include a talk to the UK Competition Appeal Tribunal on the concept

of restriction of competition: a time for a rethink? (October 2021), and the keynote speech at the Global Competition Review Annual Conference on Competition Litigation (November 2020).

**Johan Van Acker, Partner, Van Bael & Bellis**

Johan Van Acker is a Brussels-based partner at Van Bael & Bellis, a boutique firm specialized in competition law matters. Johan specialises in EU and national competition law, and his practice covers a wide range of sectors including aviation, consumer products, basic industries, electronics, and information technology.

He is particularly experienced in merger control, and has successfully assisted clients in numerous merger cases before the European Commission and national competition authorities. For instance, Johan has been involved in several high-profile EU merger control cases, including Fincantieri/Chantiers de l'Atlantique, Energizer/Spectrum Brands, Essilor/Luxottica, Halliburton/Baker Hughes, BHP Billiton/Rio Tinto, Microsoft/Skype, Boeing/Lockheed Martin, Canon/IRIS and Novartis/Chiron. Johan also regularly advises clients on other aspects of competition law, including cartels, horizontal and vertical agreements, abuse of dominance and state aid.

Johan is recognized as a leading practitioner in all major law firm directories, and was singled out by Global Competition Review in 2019 as one of the best competition lawyers worldwide under the age of 40.

**Derek Ritzmann, Expert, Economics Partners**

Dr. Derek Ritzmann is an Expert at Economics Partners, working across the Asia-Pacific region based in Hong Kong. He has specialized in the economics, policy, and law of competition and regulation for over 25 years. Dr. Ritzmann spent over a decade as a senior official at competition and regulatory agencies: he was Principal Economist of the ACCC in Australia, the first Chief Economist of the Hong Kong Competition Commission, in the Chief Economist Team at the European Commission's DG COMP, and as special advisor to the General Authority for Competition of Saudi Arabia. Previously, he practiced with three economic expert firms (Compass Lexecon, London Economics, and KPMG), as a competition lawyer in Australia (Allens Linklaters), as a competition expert to the Asian Development Bank and OECD, and as a professor at the University of Hong Kong.

Dr. Ritzmann has given testimony and expert evidence to government authorities and courts in a number of different jurisdictions, including Australia, Hong Kong, China, the European Commission, Singapore, India, Saudi Arabia, and the Philippines. Representative former clients include Apple, Vodafone, Hutchison, Qualcomm, Honda, HKBN, Shell, the Wharf Group, the San Miguel Group, ArcelorMittal, the Tata Group, the Reliance Group, and TSMC.

He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Oxford University, an M.Sc. in Economics from the London School of Economics, and is a qualified lawyer in the USA, the UK, and Australia. He is listed in the Who's Who Legal Directory as a Competition Economist and as a Global Leader.

**Elvira Aliende Rodriguez, Partner, Shearman & Sterling**

Elvira Aliende Rodriguez is a partner in the Antitrust practice. She focuses on Spanish and EU competition law. Elvira advises clients across a range of sectors, including air transport, chemicals, telecommunications, energy, pharmaceuticals, steel, hotel accommodation, textiles and financial services. She has extensive experience in advising clients on Article 101 (restrictive agreements) and the equivalent provisions under Spanish law. She has also participated in State aid procedures and in Article 102 (abuse of dominance) cases before the EU competition authorities. She has in-depth knowledge of working before the European Commission and the European Courts.

**Knut Fournier, Chairperson, Hong Kong Competition Association**

Knut Fournier a in-house lawyer with StubHub, the US ticketing company. Prior to moving to Hong Kong, Knut worked as a monitoring trustee for competition authorities in Europe, in the United States, in Brazil and in China. He published extensively on competition law, including a complete commentary of the Competition Ordinance (Sweet & Maxwell, 2019). He holds law degrees from the University of Paris and from King College London. He is a Lecturer at the Hong Kong Shue Yan University, where he teaches Risk & Compliance. He is currently the Chairman of the Hong Kong Competition Association.

**Conor Quigley QC, Serle Court Chambers, London**

Conor Quigley QC, practices law from Serle Court Chambers, one of London's leading commercial barristers' chambers. He specializes in European Union law, in particular concerning competition, commercial, trade and tax law. Conor is widely regarded as the leading expert at the English Bar in the law of EU state aid and subsidies control. He is the author of the leading textbook, European State Aid Law and Policy, now in its 3rd edition (2015) and is also co-author and general editor (with Suzanne Rab) of Hong Kong Competition Law (2016), (both books available from www.hartpub.co.uk). He regularly advises UK governmental and public authorities, major multinational groups, and other interested parties, and has acted in some of the leading EU law cases over the last 30 years before the European Court of Justice, the UK Supreme Court and Court of Appeal and High Court.

Conor accepts appointment as arbitrator in international disputes, in particular concerning international trade, state aid and subsidies, competition law and environmental issues. He is listed in the Shanghai International Arbitration Centre and has been appointed an ad hoc sole arbitrator by IATA. In 1991 Conor became a member of the Law Faculty of the University of Oxford, when he was appointed a Fellow in EU Law at Lady Margaret Hall. Since 2008, he has been a Visiting Research Fellow at the Institute of European and Comparative Law. He has also held visiting posts at the College of Europe, King's College London and the International Tax Centre, Leiden University.

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