

The Interdisciplinary Centre for Competition
Law and Policy (ICC) and Crowell & Moring LLP
Annual Conference 2011

Trends and Developments in Global Competition Law

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This conference offers a unique forum for exchanging ideas and discussing recent developments in competition law across the globe. It brings together leading figures in the field from around the world including judges, competition officials, academics, in-house counsel and private practitioners. The conference combines the policy perspective of the London-based Interdisciplinary Centre for Competition Law and Policy (ICC) with the real world experience of the international law firm of Crowell & Moring LLP.

This will be a one-day event, with three major areas of focus: **international merger control**; **perspectives on public enforcement**; and **private enforcement**. Our aim on this occasion is to bring to our audience a comprehensive update of recent developments related to these topics which will be presented in an analytical and thought-provoking way by a high-level panel of speakers from around the globe. All of the topics will be illustrated by practical examples drawn from recent cases taken from the EU, US and other competition law regimes.

The issues to be addressed are:

International merger control

- Practicability and workability of US Horizontal Merger Guidelines 2010
- Review of use of SIEC test in practice
- Merger remedies and international cooperation

Perspectives on public enforcement

- Due process
- Dawn raids and conduct of investigations
- Judicial scrutiny of EU Commission proceedings

Private enforcement: current issues

- Recent and future developments at EU level – the state of play
- The question of jurisdiction – what are the options?
- The challenges surrounding passing-on
- Issues of evidence/discovery, risk and risk shifting, timing

Private enforcement: practical solutions

- Selecting the appropriate forum
- Choices of legal action – avenues to damages
- Collective redress – challenges and opportunities



Programme

Friday, 20 May 2011

Hotel Le Méridien, Brussels

8.45-9.15: Registration and coffee

9.15-9.30: **Introduction and welcome by conference chairmen**
Maher Dabbah (ICC) and Randy Smith (Crowell & Moring)

9.30: **International Merger Control**

Chair: Maher Dabbah, Director, ICC, Queen Mary, University of London

Speakers: Johannes Lübking, Head of Unit, Mergers in Financial Services, DG COMP, European Commission; John Read, Chief, Litigation III Section, Antitrust Division, US Department of Justice; Robert Willig, Professor, Princeton University

11.00-11.15: Coffee break

11.15: **Perspectives on Public Enforcement**

Chair: Kevin O'Higgins, Judge, European Union General Court

Speakers: Michael Albers, Hearing Officer, DG COMP, European Commission; Carl Hofstetter, General Counsel and Member of the Board, Schindler Holding AG; Katharina Krauss, Head of Special Unit for Combating Cartels, Bundeskartellamt

12.45: Business lunch

14.00: **Private Enforcement: Current Issues**

Chair: Sir Christopher Bellamy, Senior Consultant, Linklaters LLP

Speakers: Eddy De Smijter, Head of Unit, DG Comp, European Commission; Wulf-Henning Roth, Professor, University of Bonn; Rob Murray, Partner, Crowell & Moring

15.30-15.45: Coffee break

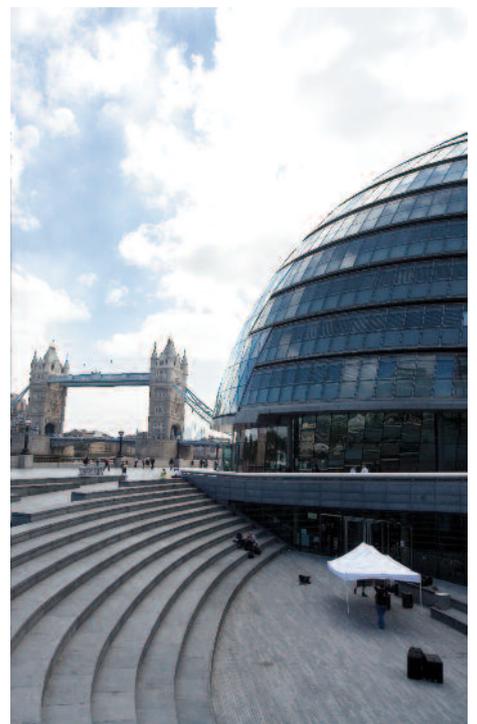
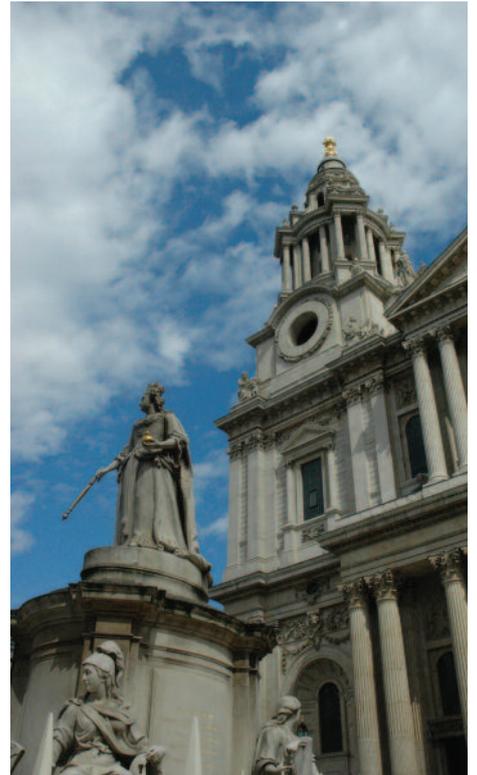
15.45: **Private Enforcement: Practical Solutions**

Chair: Kent Gardiner, Partner, Crowell & Moring

Speakers: Pierre Bos, Partner, Barents Krans; Laurent Geelhand, General Counsel, Europe, Michelin; Jon Lawrence, Partner, Freshfields

17.15-17.30: **Conclusions and reflections**

17.30: Reception



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The Interdisciplinary Centre for Competition Law and Policy (ICC)

The Interdisciplinary Centre for Competition Law and Policy (ICC) is a centre of excellence led by Maher M. Dabbah that delivers world-class work in the field of competition law and policy. The ICC conducts research and offers training to judges, lawyers, business people and enforcement officials in the field of competition law.

The ICC's mission is to:

- Build a strong, broad-based and well-informed competition law community
- Engage in competition advocacy and internationally recognised scholarship
- Deliver innovative training and consultancy to meet the needs and expectations of lawyers, economists, policy-makers, competition enforcement bodies, judges and business people

The ICC offers internationally-recognised PhD and (taught and distance learning) LLM programmes in competition law and policy (in addition to a strong undergraduate option in EC and UK competition law) as well as an impressive programme of shorter courses including training courses and a highly successful annual summer school in competition law. Since its inauguration in 2006, the ICC has welcomed hundreds of participants to these courses in London; hundreds more (mainly judges, lawyers, economists and policy-makers from over 35 countries) have benefited from training given in different parts of the world.

Among the current major projects undertaken within the ICC is its Middle East Initiative, which was launched on 1 January 2009 and comes to develop competition law and policy in this important region of the world.

The ICC also publishes a high quality, refereed student journal, the ICC Global Antitrust Review (GAR).

For further information on the ICC and its activities, visit: www.icc.qmul.ac.uk.

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