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Update and trends in EU and US law and enforcement – implications of recent decisions

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- The EU and US – what are the differences?
- Recent developments in the US
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- Refusal to supply and deal
- Pricing – what discounts may be offered to which customers?
- Abuse of IPRs – how far does Article 102 (formerly Art. 82 EC) stretch?

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Following a year when the largest ever fine on an undertaking for an infringement of EC competition law was imposed, the EC's guidance paper on exclusionary abuses was introduced, the US repealed its former administration guidance on Section 2 and other jurisdictions started actively to enforce their rules on abuse of dominance, it seems appropriate to take stock of developments in both the EU and the US and look at the differences that seem to persist between approaches.

In the meantime, courts and agencies are taking decisions on the cases before them and they all face the challenge of controlling abusive behaviour while not stifling innovation.

This conference provides a first-class opportunity to learn from senior representatives from the European Commission, the Federal Trade Commission, and the competition enforcement agencies of France, Germany and the UK, together with senior competition law specialists from industry and private practice on their latest thinking on recent developments in antitrust law and regulation of single firm conduct.

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Note: With the ratification of the Lisbon Treaty in November 2009, the new Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU) entered into force as of 1 December. As a result the competition rules will have new numbering – Article 82 EC Treaty will become Article 102 TFEU.

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PROGRAMME

Morning chairman: **John Kallaugher**

Partner, Latham & Watkins
Professor, University College London

08.15 Registration and coffee

09.00 Chairman's opening remarks

09.10 **The EC Guidance Paper – experiences one year on**

- Review of recent case law
- Has the Commission fully embraced an effects analysis?
- Current and future enforcement priorities
- Law and economics: an uneasy marriage

Robert O'Donoghue

Barrister, Brick Court Chambers

09.50 **The EU and US – what are the differences?**

- FTC and DOJ approaches to monopolisation
- Impending clash between the enforcers and the courts?
- Recent cases

Richard Parker

Partner, O'Melveny & Myers LLP

10.30 Coffee

10.50 **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

The morning speakers will be joined by senior officials from the European Commission and Federal Trade Commission

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Comment: Derek Ridyard

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12.00 **What is happening at the national level?**

- Implementation of Article 102 guidance within the EU
- Are national courts moving towards a more effects-based approach (along Commission lines) or are they sticking with the traditional ECJ approach?
- Exclusionary and exploitative abuses

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13.00 Lunch

Afternoon chairman: **Luc Gyselen**

Partner, Arnold & Porter LLP

In-depth analysis of three key topics

14.15 **Refusal to supply and deal**

A focus on the energy sector – access to production capacity

- Interplay of regulation and competition law: refusal of access to networks
- Refusal to supply: withdrawal of generation capacity
- Refusal to deal: foreclosure and balancing market

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15.15 **Abuse of IPRs – how far does Article 102 stretch?**

- Exploitative abuse: what price is a fair price? – *Rambus, Qualcomm*
- Bad but not abusive? – *AstraZeneca*
- Relevance of intention
- Ex post v ex ante solutions
- Lessons from the pharma inquiry

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16.15 Tea

16.35 **Pricing: What discounts may be offered to which customers?**

- Issues raised by the 'as efficient competitor' test
- Do rivals' own rebates policies matter for the analysis of a dominant firm's pricing practices?
- What is the potential impact of the concept of naked restrictions on the analytical framework for rebates? When does a payment to induce fidelity cease to be a rebate?
- What's the role of efficiencies in conditional rebates cases after *Intel*?
- How does the analytical framework for bundled discounts differ from the main rebates analysis?

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17.35 Close of conference

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