



## Competition Law Association

British Group of the  
Ligue Internationale du Droit de la Concurrence  
(International League for Competition Law)

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Dear Member

### **LIDC Questions: Workshop 14 May 2012, at Monckton Chambers at 6pm.**

Every year the LIDC examines two topical questions concerning competition law and the law against unfair competition. This year the competition law question relates to the application of competition rules to small or medium-sized undertakings and the IP/unfair competition question considers the need for protection against non-competing undertakings using trademarks, distinctive signs and other components of image and identity. These questions are considered in detail with a view to adopting Resolutions on them at the LIDC Congress, which will be held this year in Prague, Czech Republic, on 11 - 14 October, 2012. Details of the two questions for 2012 are enclosed.

We are pleased to announce that our two national reporters this year are David Bailey of the Competition Appeal Tribunal (on question A) and Ben Longstaff of Hogarth Chambers (on question B). The National Reporter for each question is responsible for preparing a report dealing with questions raised by the relevant International Reporter and representing the views of the national group. Based on the various national reports, the International Reporter for that question then prepares an international report, including, where possible, a draft of a Resolution.

The purpose of the Workshops is to seek Members' contributions and comments on the draft UK reports prepared by our National Reporters that will be circulated in advance. This will include input into the issues of policy and principle underpinning each question and any Resolution which the Association considers should be proposed.

The Workshop will be held on **Monday 14 May, 2012** at **Monckton Chambers**, 1 & 2 Raymond Buildings, Grays Inn, London WC1R 5NR. The working session will begin at **6.00pm** and will last for up to two hours, followed by drinks and canapés.

There is no additional charge for members. There will be a charge for non-members: £50, or £35 (full time academic/public sector employees), or £10 (student, trainees, pupil barristers). Registrations can be completed and paid for on-line. Two CPD points will be available.

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We would be delighted if you could come along to this meeting, which should be an excellent opportunity to discuss the issues raised by the questions with other practitioners in an informal setting. If you cannot come yourself, you might consider sending a colleague along in your place.

Members should please visit our website at [www.competitionlawassociation.org.uk](http://www.competitionlawassociation.org.uk) to register attendance and to renew membership if you have not already done so. Please note that on-line registration will close 24 hours prior to the meeting taking place. Tickets will not be issued.

With kind regards

**Sharon Horwitz**  
Secretary

### PRAGUE CONGRESS 2012 QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **Question A:**  
**Should or could small or medium-sized undertakings be subject to other or specific competition rules?**
- **Question B:**  
**Should or could an undertaking obtain protection against the usage by non-competing undertakings of their trademark, distinctive signs and other components of their image and identity?**

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