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Dear Member

Lunchtime Webinar: Tuesday 30 November 2021 at 1.00 pm

The CLA will be holding a lunchtime webinar on **Tuesday 30 November** from 1.00 to 2.00 pm.

Rachel Merelie, Jennifer Halliday and Steven McGregor have kindly agreed to speak on the following subject:

“The Office for the Internal Market and the CMA’s work across the nations”

As part of their presentation, the speakers will discuss:

- *The CMA’s new internal market function and the early experience of setting up the Office for the Internal Market.*
- *How the CMA uses its advocacy role to promote positive outcomes for competition and consumers across the UK.*
- *The CMA’s outreach activity in the nations and regions of the UK.*

The session will be moderated by James Flynn QC, CLA Chairman.

Rachel Merelie is the Senior Director of the Office for the Internal Market at the CMA. Before this, she spent three years in central government as Director for Business Investment at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and then as Megalabs Programme Director at NHS Test and Trace.

Previous career highlights include Acting Executive Director, Markets and Mergers, CMA; Senior Director, Delivery and Sector Regulation, CMA; Inquiry Director and then Senior Director, Inquiries at the Competition Commission; and Business Planning and Strategy Manager, Ernst & Young.

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Jennifer Halliday has been a Director at the Competition and Markets Authority since its inception in 2014. At the CMA she has led phase 1 and phase 2 mergers inquiries, including as co-Director of the Fox/Sky merger investigation. In 2018 she was appointed Director of the CMA's Advocacy function which has since expanded to be combined with the External Relations and Devolved Nations functions.

Prior to the CMA, she spent 10 years at the Office of Fair Trading working across mergers, market studies, consumer and anti-trust investigations. During her tenure, she was also head of the OFT's private office and legal adviser to John Fingleton when he was CEO.

Earlier in her career, Jennifer was an associate at Clearly Gottlieb in Brussels and a specialist adviser to the House of Lords Select Committee on the EU when it reviewed the substantive changes to the EUMR in 2002.

Steven McGregor recently joined the CMA as Head of the Devolved Nations from the Welsh Government. Prior to this, he worked in Brussels where he was the lead for competition and State aid issues in the UK Permanent Representation/Mission to the EU for seven years. Earlier in his career, he was seconded to the Secretariat-General of the European Commission where he was part of the team leading on relations with the European Parliament.

There is no additional charge for members. There will be a charge of £10 for all non-members.

To register for this event, please visit the 'New Events' section of the CLA website:
<https://www.competitionlawassociation.org.uk/newevents.htm>

Joining details will be circulated via email upon registration.

Note: if you would like to put any questions to our speakers, you can do so in advance via email and by no later than Friday 26 November to the CLA Administrator (admin@competitionlawassociation.org.uk).

Online registration will close on Monday 29 November.

With kind regards

Sharon Horwitz
Secretary

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