



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



13 November 2023

Dear Member

Evening Meeting: Tuesday 21 November 2023 at 6:30 pm

The CLA will be holding a joint evening event with **ChIPs London Chapter** on **Tuesday 21 November** at Herbert Smith Freehills, Exchange House, Primrose Street London EC2A 2HS. Registration will open at 6:30pm and the session will begin at 6:45pm.

**“Frivolous Claims and Divisional Games?
Patent Filing and Enforcement with an Antitrust Lens”**

When can (and when should) competition law interfere with a party’s right to obtain and enforce patent rights? Preventing others from profiting from an invention, in order to maintain a monopoly or gain monetary recompense, is at the very essence of a patent, but several recent and ongoing investigations provide insight into when filing and enforcing these valuable rights may in fact be anti-competitive, with severe consequences for the patentee. The pharmaceuticals sector is a high priority for many regulators, but the principles are of broader application across all technology-rich industries.

The **ChIPs London Chapter** and the **CLA** are delighted to invite you to a panel discussion to discuss this important and topical subject, focusing on a number of recent cases, with insights from a variety of esteemed panellists:

Natalia Rodriguez: Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills (**Chair**).

Anna Vernet: Head “Antitrust: Pharma and Health Services Unit”, DG Competition, European Commission.

The Hon Mr Justice Marcus Smith: President, Competition Appeal Tribunal and UK Patent Court Judge.

Robert Vidal: Partner, Pinsent Masons LLP.

Sarah Ford KC: Barrister, Brick Court Chambers.

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The session will conclude by 8pm, followed by drinks/canapés.

Online registration will close midday Monday 20 November.

With kind regards

Sharon Horwitz
Secretary