

Meeting of the City of London Law Society Competition Law Committee held at 12:30pm on 18 May 2023 in person and via videoconference

Minutes

Committee members were joined by guest speakers from Department for Business and Trade (**DBT**) and Department for Science Innovation and Technology (**DSIT**), who provided a general overview of the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill (**DMCC Bill**) and its introduction. The meeting included discussion about:

- The anticipated timing and regulatory path for the DMCC Bill.
- The digital aspects of the DMCC and in particular – how it is envisaged that the SMS designation process will work in practice; the extent to which the digital regime will interplay with existing merger control powers; and the scope of the DMU's powers.
- The consumer aspects of the DMCC and in particular – the role that the CMA will take in this new regime; the way in which these decisions can be appealed; the CMA's next steps in terms of guidance; and the current approach to consumer law.
- The competition law aspects of the DMCC and in particular – the new merger control thresholds; the revisions to the CMA's enforcement powers; and extra-territoriality provisions.

Attending:

Nicole Kar	Chair, Linklaters LLP
Ian Giles	Vice Chair, Norton Rose Fulbright LLP
Antonio Bavasso	Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP
Robert Bell	Memery Crystal
Tom Clare	Linklaters LLP
Angus Coulter	Hogan Lovells LLP
Mark Daniels	Norton Rose Fulbright LLP
Jenine Hulsmann	Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP
Mark Jephcott	Simmons & Simmons LLP
Mark Jones	Jones Day
Nelson Jung	Clifford Chance LLP
Dorothy Livingston	Herbert Smith Freehills LLP
Dominic Long	Allen & Overy LLP
Becket McGrath	Euclid Law Ltd
Samantha Mobley	Baker & McKenzie
Nigel Parr	Ashurst LLP
Paula Riedel	Kirkland & Ellis LLP
Isabel Taylor	Slaughter and May
Alex Williams	DBT
David Marshall	DBT
Adela Garyali	DBT
Denny Jicheva	DSIT
Christine Liang	DSIT