

# Charting Hong Kong's Competition Enforcement Landscape



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## **Competition and Collaboration: Charting Hong Kong's Competition Enforcement Landscape**

As we venture further into the mid-2020s, antitrust is playing an ever-expanding role in fostering an inclusive economic recovery, driving innovation, and safeguarding consumer interests. Investigating issues in a range of sectors including building maintenance, estate agency, online food delivery and funeral services, the Competition Commission has been very active over the past year.

You are cordially invited to join the 10th annual Hong Kong competition seminar, co-organised by Freshfields and the British Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong. This 90-minute lunch seminar offers a platform to hear directly from the Competition Commission about the latest developments in competition enforcement and policy, and

to discuss with our panellists the recent cases and their practical implications for Hong Kong's business community.

We are honoured to welcome back [Rasul Butt](#), Chief Executive Officer of the Competition Commission, as our keynote speaker.

Followed by a panel discussion moderated by Freshfields antitrust partner [Alastair Mordaunt](#) and featuring panellists:

[Lester Lee](#), Executive Director (Legal Services),  
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Hong Kong CPD has been applied for and is subject to Law Society approval. A complimentary lunch will be provided.

Please contact [Willow Yang](#) for further information about this event or if you have any accessibility requirements.

## **About the speakers**



Rasul Butt was appointed to the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Competition Commission (Commission) in May 2021. Mr. Butt joined the Commission in April 2015 as Executive Director (Corporate Services & Public Affairs), and was appointed to the position of Senior Executive Director in July 2016 overseeing the policy advisory, advocacy and corporate functions of the Commission.

Before joining the Commission, Mr. Butt spent more than 16 years at the Urban Renewal Authority, Hong Kong



where his last position was General Manager (Corporate Planning).

Mr. Butt obtained his Bachelor of Laws with Honours from the University of Liverpool, United Kingdom, followed by Master of Laws (Public Law) from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, United Kingdom.



Lester Lee was appointed as the Executive Director (Legal Services) of the Competition Commission (Commission) in November 2023.

Before joining the Commission, Mr. Lee was a practicing barrister having been called to the Hong Kong Bar in 2009. In May 2015, he joined the Commission as Senior Manager (Competition Affairs) and was later promoted to Head (Litigation) in December 2017. From June to October 2023, Mr. Lee was appointed as Acting Executive Director (Legal Services) overseeing the daily operation of the Legal Division.

Mr. Lee obtained a Bachelor of Laws degree from Durham University in 2006. He later obtained a Master of Laws in Human Rights from the University of Hong Kong in 2014 and a Postgraduate Diploma in Economics for Competition Law from King's College London in 2016. In 2023, his exceptional abilities were recognised, and he was selected as one of the LexisNexis "40 under 40" legal leaders of tomorrow.



**Alastair Mordaunt** is a partner in Freshfields' antitrust,

competition and trade practice, dividing his time between Hong Kong and London. He has more than 20 years of experience as a private practitioner and regulator across three continents giving him a deep understanding of working effectively with regulatory regimes to achieve successful outcomes in transactional and investigatory matters.

Alastair's government experience includes four years as a senior official at the UK's competition authority, the Office of Fair Trading. In addition, he was recently a non-governmental adviser to the Hong Kong Competition Commission and for several years to the UK's competition authority.

Alastair is a frequent speaker at international conferences on competition and foreign investment law, and has authored and edited a numerous publications on these issues. He is an Officer of the International Bar Association's Antitrust Section and until recently co-chaired its Mergers Working Group. He is ranked as a leading lawyer in the legal directories for antitrust and foreign investment.



**Laurent Bougard** is a counsel in Freshfields's Antitrust, Competition and Trade Group based in Hong Kong. His practice covers all areas of competition law, with a particular focus on global merger control investigations. Laurent spent nearly a decade in Brussels advising clients on EU and multijurisdictional matters before relocating to Hong Kong in 2022.

He has extensive experience with merger control regimes in Asia and Europe, and has advised clients on several complex Phase I and Phase II merger control investigations requiring remedies. His past experience has led him to act for clients active in various sectors, including financial sponsors and industrials. He also advises on trade defence questions, and has been guiding

several Asia-based clients on foreign investment screening rules and the new EU Foreign Subsidies regime.



**Sandra Marco Colino** is an Associate Professor. She specialises in competition law, merger control, the digital economy, technology law, EU law, telecommunications, and law & economics. She joined the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 2010 and is the Deputy Programme Director of the Master of Laws (LLM) in International Economic Law. She currently serves as Non-

Governmental Advisor (NGA) to the International Competition Network, and sits on the Academic Board of the law firm Dictum and on the Scientific Committee of the European University Institute's Centre for a Digital Society. She previously directed the Centre for Financial Regulation and Economic Development (CFRED), and the Summer Schools on EU Competition Law at the College of Europe in Bruges (Belgium). Prior to moving to Hong Kong, she was a Lecturer at the University of Glasgow (UK).

A qualified lawyer in Spain and a member of the Madrid Bar, she has worked as stagiaire at the European Commission (Belgium) and has trained in various Madrid law firms. She is a member of the Academic Society for Competition Law (ASCOLA), a Fellow of the Transatlantic Technology Law Forum of Stanford University (USA), and an Associate Researcher at the Royal University Institute for European Studies in Madrid. She is the Hong Kong news correspondent to the European Competition Law Review, and an analyst for Agenda Pública.

She is the author of various books, including the textbook Competition Law of the EU and UK (Oxford University Press), now in its 8th edition, and the monograph Vertical Agreements and Competition Law (Hart).

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