

## WHO WE ARE

The ICC Commission on Competition ensures that business needs and the realities of markets are taken into account in the formulation and implementation of competition laws and policies. It also identifies key issues in competition policy facing the international business community and contributes the business voice to debates to resolve these.

The Commission brings together over 300 leading experts in the field of Antitrust from 42 countries, working together to develop cutting-edge policy for business. As such, the Commission is recognized as a venue for exchange and innovation, and regularly shares the voice of business on antitrust issues with intergovernmental forums such as the European Commission, ICN, OECD as well as national antitrust regulators.

The Commission, through its different task forces (established for a limited period to carry out specific projects), has prepared policy products, including statements to shape intergovernmental discussions, as well as tools to facilitate international business transactions, in the following areas: compliance and advocacy, premerger control regimes, due process, cartels and leniency, technology transfer and the International Competition Network (ICN).

The Commission meets twice a year in plenary, usually:

- in June, in conjunction with the BIA/OECD meetings in Paris;
- in September, in conjunction with the Fordham Conference in New York; and
- carries out work throughout the year in its issue-specific task forces.

## CURRENT PRIORITIES

- Continue the roll-out of the version of the ICC Antitrust Compliance Toolkit for small- and medium-sized enterprises and further engage with the International Competition Network (ICN), the European Commission Directorate for Competition, and other competition, through open dialogue and thought leadership, on the importance of compliance programmes as tool for competition law enforcement.
- Organise the ICC-ICN roundtables at the ICN Annual Conferences in Portugal in 2017 and in 2018 in India and enhance ICC's participation in ICN key initiatives, thereby further establishing ICC's roles as the main business interlocutor of the ICN.
- Publish an advocacy guide to help further promote the ICC recommendations on best practice for the creation and reform of specific merger control regimes, and pursue a dialogue with selected competition authorities and governments.
- Organise a seminar for judges and other stakeholders to exchange views on legal review and best practice in due process.
- Promote the ICC Proposal to the ICN for a One-Stop-Shop for Leniency Markers by engaging with ICN and intergovernmental organisations and develop the second edition of the ICC Leniency Manual.
- Finalise the working paper on the use of arbitration and mediation in antitrust follow-on actions.

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## RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS & PUBLICATIONS

- **The ICC Leniency Manual (First Edition)**

As the first release of the ICC Task Force on Cartels and Leniency and the third publication "designed by business for business" of the ICC Commission on Competition, the ICC Leniency Manual is intended as a living document. The Manual aims to demystify the leniency application process and assist business with filing local or multi-jurisdictional applications. The leniency practices gathered in the launch edition of the Manual span over 20 countries. It is being presented at the Roundtable to benefit from consultation during the ICN. The First Edition was released at the end of 2016.

- **ICC Roundtables on Competition Policy**

Each year, the ICC Commission on Competition organizes a roundtable on competition policy in conjunction with the ICN annual conference on issues that could have implications not only for the work of the ICN but for competition law and policies as a whole. Previous Roundtables have been held in Australia, Austria, Turkey, the Netherlands, Brazil, Poland, Morocco and Singapore and Portugal.

- The **Commission** has also published papers regarding:
  - revised block exemption for technology transfer agreements
  - competition concerns on the use of standard essential patents
  - proposals for more effective EU merger control
  - general principles applying to collective redress
  - reform of the Hart-Scott-Rodino premerger filing requirements
  - review of rules applicable to horizontal co-operation agreements

\* Copies of these documents and others are available on our website at:

<http://www.iccwbo.org/about-icc/policy-commissions/competition/>

## CURRENT LEADERSHIP

- **Paul Lugard**, Chair, Baker Botts (Belgium)
- **Michael Blechman**, Vice-Chair, Kaye Scholer LLP (United States)
- **Patrick Hubert**, Vice-Chair, Orrick Rimbaud Martel (France)
- **Anne Riley**, Vice-Chair, Shell International (United Kingdom)

## HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

There are two ways to become a member of the ICC Commission on Competition:

- By affiliation through an ICC National Committee or Group (please consult [ICC website](#) to find the National Committee in your country).
- By direct membership through the ICC International Secretariat if a National Committee or Group has not yet been established in your country or territory.