

1 April 2020

### **Lunchtime Webinar on 30 April 2020 at 1.00 pm (UK time) / 2.00 pm (Continental time)**

The CLA will be holding a lunchtime webinar on **Thursday 30 April** from 1.00 to 2.00pm (2.00 to 3.00pm Continental time).

We are delighted to announce that this event will be held jointly with the *Ligue Internationale de Droit de la Concurrence* (**LIDC**) and the *Association Française d'Etude de la Concurrence* (**AFEC**).

**Jacques Derenne** and **George Peretz QC** have kindly agreed to speak on the following subject:

#### **"State Aid and Coronavirus– the UK and EU Perspective"**

*The session will be moderated by Omblin Ancelin.*

The speakers will give an overview of the changes to State Aid rules in times of Coronavirus crisis and give the UK and EU perspective on the short and longer term implications of these changes.

**Jacques Derenne** is a partner, global practice group leader, antitrust & competition, at Sheppard Mullin (Brussels and Paris bars). He is also professor at the University of Liège and at the Brussels School of Competition where he teaches State aid. He is a founding member of the Global Competition Law Centre of the College of Europe. Jacques has over 30 years of EU competition law experience across all areas, including mergers, cartels, abuses of dominance and State aid. Jacques' State aid experience spans three decades during which time he has acted for beneficiaries, competitors and Member States. Jacques co-directed and co-authored studies for the European Commission on the enforcement of State aid rules at the national level (2006 and 2009), which contributed to the Commission's Recovery and Enforcement Notices in 2007 (now replaced in 2019) and 2009 respectively. Jacques regularly appears at competition hearings before the European Commission, and pleads cases before the General Court and the Court of Justice of the European Union (such as the recent *Micula* and *Tempus Energy* cases), national competition authorities, courts and regulatory bodies.

**George Peretz QC** is a barrister at Monckton Chambers. George has considerable experience in advising and representing public and private sector clients on State aid issues, including appearances in the European Court of Justice and General Court. He has particular experience of advising government and private clients on the interplay between State aid and tax, having advised on a number of high profile issues in that area. Recent highlights include extensive advice on the Flood Re scheme to secure affordable flood insurance for those in homes at flood risk, representing the UK on the notification of the Emergency Services Mobile Communications Programme and successfully representing HMRC in *Credit Suisse v HMRC* [2019] EWHC 1922 (Ch) (a claim that the 2010 "bankers' bonus tax" was unlawful State aid). He is Joint Convenor of the UK State Aid Law Association.

**Omblin Ancelin** heads the Competition practice in the Paris Office of Simmons & Simmons. Her practice encompasses the full range of EU and French competition law, including merger control, anti-competitive practices, distribution and franchising, and also EU general law and consumer law. She represents clients at both national and international levels, in antitrust investigations and litigation in several sectors with a focus on the life science, TMT, energy and fast moving consumer goods sectors. She works on both advisory and contentious matters, and litigates before the authorities and courts. Moreover, she regularly advises clients on their commercial policies and drafting of their distribution agreements in compliance with the EU and French legal frameworks. She assists clients in delivering compliance trainings to the staff.

There will be no charge for this event.

To register for this event:

**CLA members:** please register in the usual way, via the '[New Events](#)' section of the CLA website.

**LIDC members:** please register via the LIDC secretary ([info@ligue.org](mailto:info@ligue.org)).

**All other participants:** please email the CLA Administrator ([admin@competitionlawassociation.org.uk](mailto:admin@competitionlawassociation.org.uk)).

An online link to join the webinar will be circulated via email the day before, to all those who have registered. The webinar will be conducted in English.

**Note:** if you would like to ask questions to the speakers, please send these in advance via email and **by no later than Monday 27 April** to the CLA Administrator ([admin@competitionlawassociation.org.uk](mailto:admin@competitionlawassociation.org.uk)).

Registration will close on Monday 27 April.

With kind regards

**Nathalie Lobel-Lastmann**

Committee Member of the CLA and Deputy General Secretary of the LIDC

**Michel Ponsard**

General Secretary of the LIDC and General Secretary of the AFEC