

FTC at 100: Into Our Second Century
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David Aitman is co-head of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer's global antitrust, competition and trade (ACT) practice group. A UK solicitor, he has practised in Brussels and London since 1980. David has advised in all areas of competition law, specialising in advice to the media sector and regulated industries. David has published and lectured frequently on European competition law. Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer is a leading international law firm with a network of 26 offices across Europe, the US, Asia, and the Middle East providing a full range of legal services worldwide.

Carole Begent

Carole Begent joined the Competition Commission in London in 2000. She has specialised in competition and regulation, previously holding legal and policy posts at The Office of Rail Regulation (ORR) and The Water Services Regulation Authority (Ofwat), and has been involved in managing change in consequence of changes to the competition (notably Enterprise Act and Competition Act) or regulatory regimes. Before joining Ofwat she was a solicitor in private practice specializing in corporate, commercial and regulatory law.

Bill Bishop

Dr. William Bishop, Vice President of Charles River Associates International, has 24 years of experience as an advisor to companies on antitrust matters. He has held academic posts at the London School of Economics, Oxford University, and at universities in Canada, Australia, and the United States. He is currently professor of the economics of competition law at the College of Europe in Bruges. He is also a (non-practising) member of the English bar. Dr. Bishop has appeared as an expert witness before the Courts of several European countries, before the European Commission, the Monopolies & Mergers Commission, and the Ways and Means Committee of the U.S. House of

Representatives. He has conducted research and written economic analyses on more than 100 industries in the course of advising on litigation and on investigations by the OFT, the MMC, the European Commission, and national competition authorities. He has been an advisor to DGIV on its Market Definition Notice, on Quantitative Techniques and on Remedies, and to the DTI on the UK Competition Act.

Margaret Bloom

Margaret Bloom is a Visiting Professor at King's and a Senior Consultant at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. She was Director of Competition Enforcement at the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) for six years until summer 2003, responsible for the successful implementation of the Competition Act 1998 and the Enterprise Act 2002. Margaret read economics at the University of Cambridge. Prior to joining the OFT Margaret worked in the Cabinet Office and the Department of Trade and Industry on privatisation, competition policy and public sector finance. She worked in the private sector as an economist before joining the Civil Service. Margaret was a Vice Chair of the OECD Competition Committee for six years to summer 2003.

John Davies

John Davies is the Chief Economist at the UK Competition Commission (CC). John joined the CC in November 2003 as Director of Economic Analysis, having worked for specialist consultancies Frontier Economics and London Economics, as well as having previously been a consulting economist at Coopers & Lybrand UK and a Lecturer in Economics at the University of Namibia. John is responsible for overseeing the work of the economics team in merger, market and regulatory inquiries as well as presenting the economics work of the CC both within and outside the organization.

John Fingleton

John Fingleton became Chief Executive of the OFT in October 2005. John studied economics at Trinity College, Dublin, and Nuffield College, Oxford. He taught economics at Trinity College, Dublin, for almost a decade. As Chairperson of the Irish Competition Authority from 2000 to 2005, John oversaw the introduction of new legislation, initiated criminal and civil enforcement, set up a new

mergers regime and engaged in widespread competition advocacy. He played an active role in international competition policy and in domestic economic policy, particularly around competitiveness. At the OFT, John has focused on increasing the impact that the OFT has on consumers and productivity growth in the UK economy.

Peter Freeman

Peter Freeman was appointed Chairman of the UK Competition Commission in 2006, having been a member since May 2003 and a Deputy Chairman since September 2003. Prior to joining the CC, he was head of the EC and Competition Law Group of the international law firm Simmons & Simmons. He was co-founder of and, until 2007, Chairman of the Regulatory Policy Institute, is a Consulting Editor of Butterworths' Competition Law, and is a member of the Advisory Boards of the Competition Law Journal the International Competition Law Forum and the ESRC Research Centre for Competition Policy. Recent cases include the Domestic Bulk Liquefied Petroleum Gas, Home Credit, and Groceries market investigations; and the Tesco/Co-op Store Acquisition in Slough and BSkyB/ITV merger inquiries.

Ed Humpherson

Ed joined the National Audit Office (NAO) in 1993. After qualifying as a chartered accounting in 1996, he has specialised in analysing the interaction of public and private sectors in a variety of roles, including privatisations, the Private Finance Initiatives and PPPs. Since 2003, Ed has been the NAO's Director of Regulation studies. He produces reports to Parliament on the effectiveness of regulation across a range of sectors, including communications, the postal market, utility industries, the pensions industry, and competition enforcement. He was appointed Assistant Auditor General in July 2007, with responsibilities for the NAO's work on regulators, regulatory reform, Public Private Partnerships and the use of private finance in public services, and overall responsibility for the NAO's work on the new Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform department.

Valentine Korah

Valentine Korah is Emeritus Professor of Competition Law at University College London. She is an eminent EC competition lawyer, author of many critical books and

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Simon Pritchard

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Debra Valentine is the Global Head of Legal, Rio Tinto plc, where she advises CEO, CFO and Board on significant legal issues. Before that, she was the vice president of the United Technologies Corp, where she supervised and provided counsel and direction to general counsels of UTC's seven subsidiaries. In 2001, she worked as a partner at O'Melveny & Myers, where she co-chaired of the firm's Antitrust and Trade Regulation practice. She was a general counsel at Federal Trade Commission in 1997, where she advised on full range of competition, consumer protection and privacy issues, managed all appellate litigation, and assisted the Bureaus of Competition and Consumer Protection in enforcement actions. Debra earned her J.D. from Yale University and her A.B. from Princeton University.

John Vickers

Sir John Stuart Vickers is Drummond Professor of Political Economy at the University of Oxford and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford. He served on the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee from June 1998 to September 2000, and then was the CEO and Chairman of the Office of Fair Trading until 2005. In June 2007 he was elected to be the next Warden of All Souls, taking up the post in 2008.

Catherine Waddams

Catherine Waddams is a professor at Norwich Business School and founding director of the ESRC Centre for Competition Policy at the University of East Anglia. She is a Life Fellow of Clare Hall, Cambridge and has been a Visiting Fellow at the University of California Berkeley and at the University of Copenhagen and the University of Leicester. She has published widely on the economics of regulation, competition and gains from utility reform. Her current research interests focus on consumer choice and its role in competition policy and on the distributional effects of utility reform.

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Richard Whish is Professor of Law at Kings College, London where he has worked since 1991. His professional career has been devoted to competition law and policy and

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Stephen Wilks

Professor Stephen Wilks is Professor of Politics at the University of Exeter since 2001. He was Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) of the University from 1999 to 2002 and again for 2004-05 and was a Member of the Economic and Social Research Council from 2001 to 2005, where he chaired the Strategic Research Board. His research interests centre on political economy and public policy and he has specialized in the study of UK and comparative competition policy. He has published widely on UK and European competition regimes including a history of the first 50 years of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.