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BIOGRAPHY

Victoria is a partner in the Antitrust & Competition group in BCLP's London office. Prior to joining BCLP, Victoria was competition counsel at Bloomberg, responsible for providing support on competition law matters globally. Victoria has extensive experience in antitrust/competition law, having worked in private practice and industry, internationally and within the UK. Victoria holds a post-graduate qualification in competition law from Kings College, London. She advises on merger control, complex behavioural investigations and antitrust counselling and has represented clients on some of the most high profile cases before the European Commission, Competition & Markets Authority, Financial Conduct Authority and other national competition agencies around the world. She has particular experience in the technology, financial services and retail sectors. Victoria is recommended in the Legal 500 as a "rising star", "very proactive to client needs, giving solid, commercially focussed advice" (Legal 500, 2018). Victoria is described by clients as "knowledgable", "very professional" and "fast thinking" (Legal 500, 2017).

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ADMISSIONS

- England and Wales

EDUCATION

University of Sheffield, 2005

University of Kent, 2006

Kings College London, 2014

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At a time of significant geopolitical challenges, many jurisdictions are looking at their investment screening regimes to ensure that they can adequately safeguard national security and public order. Within this context, there have been – or will likely soon be – significant changes to FDI regimes across the world. In this article, BCLP's experts in Brussels, Hamburg, London, Paris and Washington DC explore current or forthcoming amendments to the FDI regimes in France, Germany, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Union.

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CMA hits accelerator on enforcement of UK labour markets

Whilst not traditionally a focus of the Competition and Markets Authority ("CMA"), the UK's labour markets now form one of the CMA's strategic priorities, as outlined in its 2023 to 2024 Annual Plan. The Annual Plan highlights

that with the cost-of-living crisis and at a time where finances are under particular pressure, the CMA wants to clamp down on cartel behaviour and unilateral effects impacting household income and labour markets, and therefore is actively pursuing collusive behaviour that affects finances/household incomes. The CMA's focus on labour markets comes at a time that the UK Government has also signalled its intention to limit post-termination non-compete clauses to a period of three months.[1] Since coming squarely into the CMA's focus, the CMA has: (i) published specific guidance for employers on the types of anti-competitive agreements and behaviours they should avoid in l...

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The ECJ's recent preliminary ruling in C-211/22 - Super Bock Bebidas ("Super Bock") is significant for businesses and competition authorities. It is well-established that categorisation of conduct as a 'by object' infringement of Article 101(1) TFEU must be considered by reference to whether, on a case-by-case basis, the agreement presents a sufficient degree of harm to competition. Super Bock is the first occasion on which the ECJ has applied this principle to vertical agreements fixing minimum resale prices (aka resale price maintenance, or "RPM"). In applying established principles to the vertical RPM setting, the ECJ's analysis in Super Bock is unsurprising. However, it does formally reverse the Court's earlier judgment in C-243/83 - SA Binon, and in doing so continues the ECJ's retreat from assessing 'by object' infringements as according to their form, rather than their substance, under Article 101 TFEU. In this article we ...

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The EU's Foreign Subsidies Regulation (FSR) entered into force on 12 July 2023. Its M&A and public procurement notification regimes will go live on 12 October 2023. On 10 July 2023, the European Commission (Commission) adopted its final version of the FSR's Implementing Regulation alongside the template notification forms. This gives further information on how the FSR regime works in practice, and specifies the information that must be

included for mandatory M&A and public procurement notifications. We have written previously about the FSR regime at the beginning of 2023. This article looks at the new FSR regime, and what this means in practice for those doing business within the EU.

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The Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill - important changes to the UK's existing competition law

As we reported previously, on 25 April this year the UK Government introduced the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill ("DMCC Bill"). Many of the headlines about the DMCC Bill have understandably related to the new regulatory regime for digital markets and companies with "strategic market status", and there are also changes proposed to the UK's consumer protection laws. However, the DMCC Bill will also make a number of other fundamental changes to the UK's competition law regime – including in relation to merger control, the territorial reach of UK competition law and public enforcement. This article focuses on the aspects of the DMCC Bill that impact the UK's existing merger control and competition law enforcement framework, and considers how these changes may impact businesses operating across the UK.