

## Media Release

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### Phil Evans announced as new co-Director of the Competition Law Forum at BIICL

The Competition Law Forum at BIICL is delighted to announce the appointment of Phil Evans as Co-Director of the Forum to work alongside current Director Liza Lovdahl-Gormsen. Phil is a longstanding member of the Forum and a seasoned practitioner and Decision Maker in competition law and policy. Phil will take up his role from 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2023.

Phil has wide experience in policy, having started at the Economist Intelligence Unit before moving to Consumers' International before spending a decade at what is now Which?. It is in consumer activism that he most fully engaged with the competition community battling in the consumer corner through the Competition Act 1998, Enterprise Act 2002 and numerous group action, merger, European Block Exemption and cartel cases.

After leaving Which? Phil moved into consultancy work with Fipra International, with whom he still works as a Special Adviser, working on a wide range of issues and cases. In 2009 Phil was appointed as a member of the Competition Commission Panel system becoming an Inquiry Chair at the then newly created Competition and Markets Authority, in 2014. In 2019 Phil became a Prospective Class Representative in the FX UK follow on case, exactly 20 years after attempting an early follow on from an OFT cartel case involving Car Dealers.

Phil has published a number of books, chapters and numerous articles and opinion pieces in the fields of competition, consumer, trade and intellectual property law and policy; and bargain shopping. He is an adviser to the American Antitrust Institute, the Loyola University Consumer Antitrust Institute and CUTS India. Phil has chaired sessions, given evidence and spoken at numerous events ranging from the WTO and UN, to the OECD, European Commission and UK Parliamentary Committees. He has been quoted in hundreds of press articles and has done many TV and radio interviews.

**Liza Lovdahl-Gormsen**, Director of the Competition Law forum said 'I am delighted to welcome Phil Evans as co-director of the Competition Law Forum. His experience and enthusiasm will be of enormous value to the forum at a time when competition issues are front page news again.'

**Phil Evans** said: 'I have always held the CLF, its members, and Director, in the highest regard and look forward to engaging closely with them, and the wider network, to reinvigorate our work at a fascinating and challenging time for the competition community. I am extremely fortunate to be able to learn from my Co-Director Liza Lovdahl Gormsen and can't wait to get started.'

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The Forum identifies areas requiring debate and analysis, and provides the required forum and experts, thereby contributing to policy initiatives. In doing so it also produces leading-edge applied research, analysis and recommendations on the content, methodologies and application of competition policy at all levels of governance - national, European and global. For more information visit <https://www.biicl.org/competitionlawforum>

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