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Welcome

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Introductory Remarks

Noah Joshua Phillips was sworn in as a Commissioner of the U.S. Federal Trade Commission on May 2, 2018, following his nomination by President Donald J. Trump and unanimous confirmation by the United States Senate. Before joining the FTC, Phillips served as Chief Counsel to U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, of Texas, on the Senate Judiciary Committee. From 2011 to 2018, he advised Senator Cornyn on legal and policy matters including antitrust, constitutional law, consumer privacy, fraud, and intellectual property. Prior to his Senate service, Phillips was a litigator at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP in New York City, and Steptoe & Johnson LLP in Washington, D.C. Phillips began his career at Wasserstein Perella & Co., an investment bank in New York City. Phillips received his A.B. from Dartmouth College and his J.D. from Stanford Law School.

Implications of Different Legal Traditions and Regimes for International Cooperation

Roger Alford has been Deputy Assistant Attorney General for International Affairs of the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division since August 1, 2017. He has been a professor at Pepperdine Law School and professor and associate dean for international and graduate programs at Notre Dame Law School. He practiced international litigation and trade law at Hogan Lovells LLP and clerked for D.C. Circuit Judge James Buckley. He was a legal adviser to the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal in The Hague and to the Claims Resolution Tribunal for Dormant Swiss Bank Accounts in Zurich.

Panel 1: Implications of Different Legal Traditions and Regimes for International Cooperation

Francesca Bignami is Professor of Law at The George Washington University Law School. She has published extensively on EU and US privacy law, administrative law, and regulatory law. Professor Bignami is an elected member of the International Association of Comparative Law, and she serves on the editorial board of the American Journal of Comparative Law and on the Advisory Board of the Electronic Privacy Information Center. Among her recent publications are *Comparative Law and Regulation: Understanding the Global Regulatory Process* (with David Zaring) (Elgar, 2016) and *EU Law in Populist Times: Crises and Prospects* (Cambridge, forthcoming 2019).

Philip Marsden is Deputy Chair of the Bank of England's Enforcement Decision Making Committee, a decision-maker at the Financial Conduct Authority, the Payment Systems Regulator and OFGEM, and serves on HM Treasury's Digital Competition Experts Panel. Philip is Professor of Law and Economics at the College of Europe, Bruges, and Editor of the European Competition Journal. He served as a Member of the Board of the Office of Fair Trading and as Inquiry Chair and Senior Director, Case Decision Groups, at the Competition and Markets Authority. In November 2018, Philip also affiliated with CRA International as a Senior Advisor on policy and strategy issues. He regularly advises governments on competition issues via the ICN, OECD, UN, ADB, EBRD, World Bank, and IMF.

Christopher S. Yoo is the John H. Chestnut Professor of Law, Communication, and Computer & Information Science at the University of Pennsylvania. He is also Director of the Center for Technology, Innovation and Competition. He is leading a research project comparing due process in antitrust enforcement practices in China, Europe, and the U.S. and analyzing those jurisdictions' responses to big data.

Angela Zhang is an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Hong Kong and a Senior Lecturer in competition law and trade at King's College London. Her research focuses on applying economic analysis to the study of transnational legal issues. Before joining academia, Angela practiced bankruptcy law at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP in New York and antitrust law at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP in Brussels. She also has practice experience in Beijing, Hong Kong, and London.

Paul O'Brien (moderator) is Counsel for International Antitrust in the Office of International Affairs, U.S. Federal Trade Commission. Paul leads the FTC's participation in the International Competition Network (ICN) and co-chairs the ICN's Merger Working Group. Previously, he was responsible for ICN participation across all enforcement areas at the Department of Justice, Antitrust Division. He also served as a Special Assistant to the Directors of Civil and Criminal Enforcement in the Division and as a Trial Attorney in a merger enforcement section.

Hugh Stevenson (moderator) is the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's Deputy Director for International Consumer Protection. He currently chairs the OECD committee on consumer policy, and from 2008 to 2016 served as the U.S. vice chair of the OECD working party on data security and privacy. Hugh represented the FTC in negotiating and implementing the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield Framework, and earlier coordinated FTC work on the 2006 U.S. SAFE WEB Act on international enforcement cooperation.

Promoting Sound Policies for the Next Decade

Christine Wilson is a Commissioner on the U.S. Federal Trade Commission. Wilson previously served at the FTC as Chairman Tim Muris’s Chief of Staff and as a law clerk in the Bureau of Competition. Wilson has previously served in-house as Senior Vice President — Legal, Regulatory & International for Delta Air Lines and as a member of the Washington, DC antitrust practice groups of the law firms Kirkland & Ellis LLP and O’Melveny & Myers LLP. Wilson previously worked with former Assistant Attorney General James F. Rill at Collier Shannon Rill & Scott.

Panel 2: Promoting Sound Policies for the Next Decade

Abbott “Tad” Lipsky is an adjunct professor of law at the Antonin Scalia Law School in Virginia. He serves as co-chair of the International Task Force of the Section of Antitrust Law of the American Bar Association. Previously, he was a partner at Latham and Watkins, chief antitrust lawyer for the Coca Cola Company, and Deputy Assistant Attorney General of the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Prior to accepting his current position, he served as Acting Director of the FTC Bureau of Competition.

Justin Macmullan is currently Acting Co-Director General of Consumers International, which he joined in 2007. He leads Consumers International’s advocacy efforts, including its work on digital change agenda and consumer justice and protection. He has led Consumers International’s contribution to the first G20 Consumer Summit, its input into the revision of the UN Guidelines for Consumer Protection, and its advocacy on the development of G20 principles on financial consumer protection. Prior to joining Consumers International, he worked for a UK based international development organization.

Teresa Moreira is the head of the Competition and Consumer Protection Branch at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). Prior to joining UNCTAD in 2016, she served as Consumer Director-General in Portugal for six years, as a Member of the Board of the Portuguese Competition Authority for five years, and in senior positions at the Directorates General for Competition and for International Economic Relations of the Portuguese Government.

John Pecman is a Senior Business Advisor in the Antitrust/Competition & Marketing group at Fasken. He served as the Commissioner of Competition Bureau Canada from 2013 to 2018. His service as Commissioner capped a career of over 34 years as an investigator, manager, and executive at the Bureau, including as Deputy Commissioner of the Criminal Matters Branch and Interim Commissioner. John was a member of the executive bodies of the OECD Competition Committee and the International Competition Network (ICN). He also served as ICN-OECD Liaison to ensure coordination of the work by these two international bodies.

Daniel J. Solove is the John Marshall Harlan Research Professor of Law at the George Washington University Law School. He founded TeachPrivacy, a privacy and cybersecurity training company. Solove is the author of numerous books, textbooks, and articles on privacy and data protection law. Professor Solove serves on the advisory boards of the Electronic Frontier Foundation, the Future of Privacy Forum, and the Law and Humanities Institute. He is a fellow at the Ponemon Institute and the Yale Law School’s Information Society Project.

Pablo Trevisán is a Commissioner at the National Commission for the Defense of Competition, Argentina. In that position, to which he was appointed in 2016, he played an instrumental role in helping draft amendments to the Argentine competition law. He was a partner at the Buenos Aires law firm of Estudio Trevisán beginning in 2001. He is the Chairman of the American Bar Association's Antitrust in the Americas Conference, to be held in Argentina in May 2019.

Russell Damtoft (moderator) is the Associate Director of the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's Office of International Affairs. He is responsible for relationships between the FTC and antitrust agencies in Canada, Latin America, and Eastern Europe, as well as helping to manage the FTC's technical assistance program. He has also served in the Bureaus of Competition and Consumer Protection and as Assistant Regional Director of the FTC's Chicago Regional Office. He is an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University Law School, and is a member of the editorial board of American Bar Association's Antitrust Source.

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Panel 3: Effective International Engagement: Foreign Agency Perspectives

Paula Farani de Azevedo Silveira is a Commissioner in Brazil's Administrative Council for Economic Defense. Before taking office, she worked in private practice as a competition and trade law expert at two of the largest firms in Brazil. From 2007 to 2008, she worked as a Coordinator at the former Secretariat of Economic Law on cartel and unilateral conduct investigations and as the Mercosur negotiator for competition, services, and intellectual property issues. She is currently a Professor of Law and Economics at the Brasilia Institute for Public Law. She holds a Masters in International Economic Law from Georgetown University Law Center, where she was an IIEL fellow, and a law degree from the University Centre of Brasília.

Babatunde Irukera is the Director General of the Consumer Protection Council (CPC), Nigeria. He led the CPC in getting the January 2019 Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Act passed, and is currently leading the agency through its transition into an expanded mandate. Prior to being Director General, he served as counsel, and was involved in key consumer protection sectoral advancements, including advising the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority. He also advised other regulators with respect to consumer protection and competition regimes. He has co-authored the Nigerian competition chapters in a range of widely regarded international publications.

Han Li Toh is the Chief Executive and a Commissioner of the Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore. From 2009 to 2013, Han Li served as the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Enforcement) of the CCS. Prior to joining the CCS, Han Li served in various positions in the public sector, including Law Clerk to the Chief Justice of Singapore, Deputy Public Prosecutor, State Counsel and District Judge. In 2010, he received the Public Administration Medal (Silver) for his contribution to Public Service.

Chris Warner is a Legal Director at the United Kingdom’s Competition and Markets Authority (CMA). He joined the CMA in 2015, having previously been Lead Lawyer at the UK Consumers’ Association, Which?, and a competition lawyer at Linklaters LLP. At the CMA, Mr. Warner has advised on numerous consumer enforcement projects including those on advertising of prices in the hotel online booking sector and unfair practices by gambling companies, as well as advising on consumer policy and the CMA’s market study into the funeral sector.

Rainer Wessely is posted to the Delegation of the European Union to the United States, where he is responsible for EU/US cooperation in Competition and Justice policies. From 2014-2018, he served as Assistant to Director Generals Johannes Laitenberger and Alexander Italianer at DG Competition, responsible for merger and antitrust investigations. From 2009 to 2011 he worked as Senior Associate at Hogan Lovells. He also served in DG Competition’s Cartel Directorate for almost 7 years. He holds a PhD in international trade law and an LLM in European and international law.

Stephen Wong is the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data in Hong Kong, where he has served since August 2015. Mr. Wong was previously Deputy Solicitor-General, Founding Director of Hong Kong’s Berlin Economic and Trade Office, and Secretary-General of the Hong Kong Law Reform Commission. He was seconded to the UN Human Rights Committee and became the Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions in 1992. Mr. Wong joined the Attorney General’s Chambers of the Hong Kong Government as a Crown Counsel in 1986.

Elizabeth Kraus (moderator) is the U.S. Federal Trade Commission’s Deputy Director for International Antitrust, leading the team that coordinates the FTC’s international antitrust policy and case coordination work, and representing the FTC in multilateral fora, including the International Competition Network and the OECD. She previously served as Counsel to the Director of the FTC’s Bureau of Competition, and practiced EU competition law with Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP. She was a Fulbright Scholar to the EU, and has a Masters in European Legal Studies from the College of Europe.

Deon Woods Bell (moderator) is a senior international attorney in the U.S. Federal Trade Commission’s Office of International Affairs and serves as Counsel for International Consumer Protection and Data Privacy. She manages the FTC’s consumer protection and data privacy technical assistance portfolio and is the agency’s lead staff at the UN Consumer Protection Intergovernmental Group of Experts. She is currently focusing on FinTech and artificial intelligence policy and enforcement matters, among other issues. She previously practiced international law with Steptoe & Johnson LLP and worked as in-house counsel for two Fortune 500 companies. She was a Fulbright Scholar, a 2018 Excellence in Government Fellow, and is trilingual.

The FTC’s Role in a Changing World

James Rill is Senior Counsel at Baker Botts LLP. Mr. Rill served as Assistant Attorney General in charge of the U.S. Department of Justice’s Antitrust Division and as Chair of the American Bar Association’s Antitrust Section. Among his accomplishments, Mr. Rill negotiated the U.S.-European Communities Antitrust Cooperation Agreement, issued the first joint FTC-DOJ Horizontal Merger Guidelines, and served as Co-Chair of the U.S. Department of Justice’s International Competition Policy Advisory Committee, which led to the formation of the International Competition Network.

Panel 4: The FTC's Role in a Changing World

Bojana Bellamy is President of Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP's Centre for Information Policy Leadership, a preeminent global privacy and security policy think tank. Bojana has more than 20 years of experience and deep knowledge of global data privacy and cybersecurity law, compliance, and policy. She was previously the Global Director of Data Privacy at Accenture, and Principal Consultant with Privacy Laws & Business. Bojana serves on the Advisory Boards of Datum Future, the Internet Commission, and the International Data Privacy Law Journal, as well as the OECD's Privacy Guidelines Expert Group.

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Rod Sims is the Chairman of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission. Prior to his appointment in 2011, Rod held many positions in both the private sector and in government. He was Chairman of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of New South Wales, Commissioner on the National Competition Council, and also for many years advised many of Australia's leading companies on commercial corporate strategy. Rod was previously the economic advisor to Australia's Prime Minister, and Deputy Secretary in charge of all economic and social policy in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

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Closing Remarks

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