



Introduction

The fifth edition of Women in Antitrust marks the first time Global Competition Review has profiled more than 100 women private practitioners, enforcers, in-house counsel, economists and academics.

Although it is impossible to include every woman worthy of recognition, this publication endeavours to highlight many of those who have been at the forefront of competition law in their respective jurisdictions and made groundbreaking contributions to the ever-changing, increasingly globalised competition landscape.

Rather than traditional biographies, we asked our 150 entrants to tell us about themselves and their passions – both in and out of the office. Some we have tipped our hats to before, while others appear for the first time. The diverse list of women include musicians, authors, mountain climbers and runners; women who say they have never experienced gender-based disadvantages while climbing the career ladder, and others who started at a time when ‘acting like a man’ but never wearing trousers was the only way up.

Among the enforcers on our list are six officials at the helm of the US Federal Trade Commission, a robust and entirely women-led antitrust authority to which we pay special tribute in this edition.

This year’s survey features in-depth interviews with competition commissioner of the European Union Margrethe Vestager; Mona El Garf, chairperson of Egypt’s Competition Authority; and Alejandra Palacios Prieto, chairwoman of Mexico’s Federal Economic Competition Commission. For the first time, we also hosted a roundtable including six top women antitrust lawyers.

Thank you to everyone who took part. GCR



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I don't see any barriers for women working in antitrust. If you have the drive to grow and excel, if you feel that you are right for the job – you have no barriers.

My main driver in this profession is the challenge. When I first started working in competition it was a new and obscure practice area, and everyone had nearly the same starting point. I'm lucky, as since the beginning of my career I've had the chance to work on almost all aspects of competition law.

What I enjoy most about antitrust law are the investigations, which are the most complicated and interesting parts of the field. Secondly, I enjoy providing business advice to clients, who come to us looking for the solution to their problems, and we dive into their projects looking for potential risks, traps and pitfalls. This is very exciting.