Taking the Institute Abroad

The growth of competition law across the globe has presented new opportunities for the Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies to partner with institutes and universities internationally. The Antitrust Marathon series has already held round table discussions in London and Dublin and will resume in 2013 in Rome. In addition, the Institute has held two successful competition law workshops with the Forum for Law and Markets of Haifa University.

In 2009, the Institute cosponsored the first workshop in Haifa on comparative monopolization law and published the papers in a special symposium issue. In May 2011, the Institute cosponsored the second workshop on antitrust in high-tech industries. Each workshop was an intensive two-day discussion among US, EU, and Israeli academics and enforcers.

In December, 2011, we will cosponsor a conference with University College London on the role of brands in intellectual property and competition policy and plan to present a sister conference on the same themes in the United States in the year to come.

At each of these programs, I am always struck for the energy and vibrancy of competition policy outside the United States as over one hundred jurisdictions grapple with the hard questions of making market economies more competitive and work for the benefit of consumers. It is an honor to be part of the conversation.

Spencer Weber Waller
FTC Commissioner Tom Rosch Speaks at Loyola on Do Not Track: Privacy in the Internet Age

FTC Commissioner J. Thomas Rosch visited Loyola and the Institute on Friday October 14th and spoke to a full audience of students, faculty, reporters, and the Chicago legal community in the Ceremonial Courtroom on “Do Not Track: Privacy in the Internet Age.” Commissioner Rosch spoke on the viability of proposals to build on the FTC’s groundbreaking Do Not Call initiative of the past decade and whether it could be extended to cover internet activity. Following his talk, he took questions from the audience on a wide variety of antitrust and consumer protection topics.

J. Thomas Rosch was sworn in as Commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission in 2006 and will continue to serve until his term expires in September 2012. Nationally regarded for his antitrust and trade regulation law expertise, he has more than forty years of experience before the Bar, and has been lead counsel in more than one hundred federal and state court antitrust cases.

In 2003, Rosch was honored as Antitrust Lawyer of the Year by the California State Bar Antitrust Section. He has served as a chair of the American Bar Associations Antitrust Section, and as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He earned his LLB from Harvard University and was a Knox Fellow at Cambridge.

Commissioner Rosch’s talk and the question and answer session are available on-line on the Institute web site as we add video streaming to the other features of the web site. The video for this talk and future Institute events will be available at the new video link on the front page of the Institute’s home page at http://www.luc.edu/antitrust.

Alumni Fellow Profile, Robert Draba, Class of 2005.

Bob Draba was the first student fellow of the Institute to serve for four years while he completed his part-time studies at the Law School. While in school, he published articles on different antitrust topics for the Loyola Consumer Law Review, the Loyola International Law Review, and the antitrust newsletter of the Illinois State Bar Association.

Bob is also the first alumni fellow to join the Antitrust Division through the Honors Program and is an active member of the Institute Advisory Board.

Bob came to Loyola Law after a successful career in the non-for-profit management field as well as earning a PhD and two Masters Degrees.

Among his leadership positions, he served as the executive director of both the American Osteopathic Association and the American Association of Neurological Surgeons.

Currently, Bob Draba (LUC ’05) is a Trial Attorney in the Telecommunications and Media Section of the Antitrust Division of the Justice Department.

Institute Receives New Cy Pres Award

The Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies is grateful to receive a $100,000 cy pres grant from the settlement of litigation in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. On August 4, 2011, United States District Judge Elaine Bucklo entered an order naming the Institute as one of the recipients of the residual funds following the settlement of the long-running Synthroid Marketing Litigation. The case challenged conduct by the manufacturer of the drug that allegedly restricted the sale of generic and other cheaper version of the drug which is used to treat thyroid disease.

The Institute will use the funds to support the Student Fellowship and add new courses to the antitrust and consumer law curriculum at the law school. This is the most recent of a series of cy pres awards from both competition and consumer cases received by the Institute since its founding in 1994.
FTC Commissioner Edith Ramirez Keynotes the 11th Annual Loyola Antitrust Colloquium

April 29, 2011 marked the 11th annual Loyola Antitrust Colloquium. FTC Commissioner Edith Ramirez presented the lunch keynote discussing the antitrust risks of accountable care organizations under the new health care reforms. Over one hundred professors, practitioners, enforcers, and judges attended the colloquium which also featured four papers and vigorous discussion of virtually every aspect of contemporary antitrust policy.

The colloquium began with Professor Jack Kirkwood’s (Seattle University) discussion of buyer power in merger policy. The day continued with Professor Barak Orbach’s (Arizona Law) analysis of Standard Oil at 100. After Commissioner Ramirez’s lunch address, Professor Barak Richman of Duke Law School presented probably the most controversial paper of the day on the anticompetitive aspects of hiring restraints in the market for rabbis in the conservative and reform branches of Judaism. The day ended with Professor Ariel Katz’s (University of Toronto) comparison of the relationship between intellectual property and competition law in the United States and the European Union.

Attendance and interest in the colloquium continues to grow and talks from the colloquium were featured in the Global Competition Review. Save the date for the 12th annual Loyola Antitrust Colloquium which will take place on April 27, 2012!

Recent Institute Publications

Check out the Working Papers and News and Views section of the Institute web site for these and other items of interest to the competition and consumer protection community.


Philip Marsden, On Line Search: Antitrust, Competition Law Insight 17 (July 26, 2011).


Spencer Weber Waller, Brands, Competition and the Law, 2011 BYU L. Rev. 1425 (co-author Deven Desai).


New Telecommunications Law Course for Spring 2012

The Law School and the Institute are pleased to offer a new course on Telecommunications Law beginning in the spring semester of 2012. The course will be taught by Visiting Professor Christine Chabot who will also be teaching Administrative Law in the Fall Semester at Loyola.

Professor Chabot previously has taught Administrative Law, Antitrust, and Telecommunications at Connecticut, Michigan State, and Pace Law Schools. She writes and publishes in the areas of antitrust and empirical legal research on Supreme Court voting patterns.
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The Institute promotes a comprehensive, inclusive view of the benefits of competition law and policy that includes, yet goes beyond, narrow notions of economic efficiency. The Institute fulfills its mission by sponsoring symposia, academic colloquia, research, publication, and a unique student fellowship.

For more information about the Institute, its activities, programs, and publications, visit us on the web at http://www.luc.edu/antitrust, on Facebook, or contact us at antitrust@luc.edu.

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