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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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My mother’s economic savvy – and our shared love for cooking – was probably the earliest factor that stimulated my interest in antitrust. Growing up as the oldest of six children, I understood early on the benefits of vigorous competition. My mom would take me along from one butcher shop to another in search of the lowest prices for different types of meat. I saw first-hand that when you have competition, you get greater innovation and better products, quality and prices.

Women in the workforce, whether white collar or blue, still face unbelievable discrimination. In this day and age, there is still an appalling pay equity gap, which reflects the persistent and pernicious orthodoxy that women’s work is not as valuable as men’s. We, as a country and society, have a long way to go – across the board – to eliminate the barriers women face every day.

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