

George Mason to Host 20th Annual Antitrust Symposium on February 23

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George Mason Law Review will hold its 20th Annual Antitrust Symposium on February 23, 2017, at George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School in Arlington, Virginia. The topic of the conference is "Twenty Years in Antitrust and Lessons for a New Administration."

After an introduction and welcome by Henry N. Butler, Dean at the law school, the opening keynote discussion will address "The Globalization of Competition Law in the Past 20 Years and the Advent of Brazilian Competition Law." Alexandre Cordeiro Macedo, Commissioner for Brazil's Administrative Council for Economic Defense (CADE), will be the keynote speaker. Macedo will be introduced by Terri Calvani.

The first panel will focus on "Chinese Merger Law," and will be moderated by H. Steve Harris, Jr. The second panel is entitled "From Staples to Staples: 20 Years of Merger Enforcement in the United States," and will be moderated by Paul Denis. FTC Commissioner Maureen K. Ohlhausen and former FTC Commissioner Joshua D. Wright will speak during a luncheon. The third panel, moderated by Anne Layne-Farrar, will examine "The Intersection of Intellectual Property and Competition Law." The final panel will discuss "Globalization of Cartel Enforcement," and will be moderated by Douglas H. Ginsburg, Senior Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Agency representatives who are confirmed to be speaking include: Randy Tritell and Deborah Feinstein from the FTC; Vinicius Marques de Carvalho, former president of CADE; and Minji Kim, Deputy Director, Korea Fair Trade Commission. Also speaking will be Jing He, Joanna Tsai, and Mark Whitener, on the Chinese merger law panel; Orley Ashenfelter, George Cary, Matthew J. Riley, and Chetan Sanghvi, on the U.S. merger enforcement panel; Hiram Andrews, Jim Harlan, Greg Sivinski, and Koren Wong-Ervin, on the intellectual property/competition law panel; and Bruce McCullough, Gary Spratling, and John Taladay, on the cartel enforcement panel.

The conference is sponsored by Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Charles River Associates, and the Global Antitrust Institute. Registration is available [online](#), and the deadline to register is February 21. The symposium is open to the public and there is no charge for the event. Participants are eligible to receive 5.0 Virginia MCLE credits.