

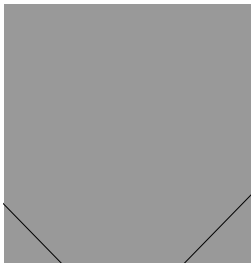
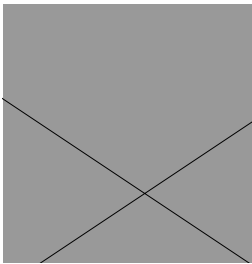
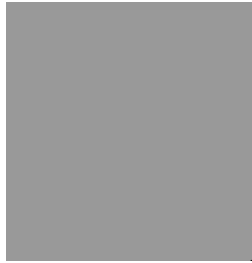
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Introduction

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



Molly Boast

Partner, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr, New York City
Years in antitrust: 36

I urge younger lawyers, both women and men, to avoid becoming too specialised at the outset. Experience means everything as you advance through your career, and if you start with too narrow a focus you may get pigeonholed, lacking the breadth of perspective needed to reach your full potential as a legal adviser in your later years. I am not discouraging restlessness and ambition, eagerness and industriousness. But do not be impatient. Success in this field requires experience and fortitude; your time will come – eventually.

I am a litigator by training and temperament, but I have also found that clients increasingly look to me for strategic advice in addition to technical skills. They want to feel that they are in good hands, to see that I understand their larger challenges, and to believe that we are working together to achieve their best interests over the long term.