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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 review 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 was a trial paralegal in the late 1990s at the US Department of Justice during its case against Microsoft. Being a part of the antitrust division and getting to participate in one of the seminal antitrust matters shaped the trajectory of my career.

There are so many people who have inspired me. The standouts are my former chief of the antitrust division's San Francisco office, Phil Warren; my trial partner when I was in the antitrust division, Brent Snyder; my practice leader in private practice, Thomas Mueller; and my all-around mentor, Molly Boast.

Although it's getting much better, I think young women have a tendency to lack confidence and believe they are not yet ready for an opportunity. Or worse, sometimes they say the reason they excelled was because they were lucky or just fell into something. What is important is to have the grit and the will to push yourself. Through experience you can build the confidence necessary to take the next opportunity.