



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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The competition bar is filled with impressive, smart, funny, successful, kind and talented women. My firm's antitrust practice is no different. I'm humbled to be in such great company in Women in Antitrust, but by no means do only 100 women deserve recognition.

In the US, the main laws that govern anticompetitive conduct are more than 100 years old. We are collectively supposed to figure out how those laws should govern technologies, innovations and conduct that no one could have imagined when Congress drafted those laws, let alone where modern economic theory would take us. That is both tremendous fun and a constant challenge.

As a younger lawyer, it is easy to get caught up in being a cog in a large wheel and it can be hard to understand the big picture. Ask questions, read cases, attend conferences, listen carefully and do whatever you can to soak up the substance.
