



Competition Law & Data: Regulating Tech Platforms

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Professor Deirdre Ahern is Professor in Law at the School of Law Trinity College Dublin where she is Director of the Technologies, Law and Society Research Group. Deirdre's current research focuses on the regulation of fintech and Artificial Intelligence. Deirdre is a Ministerial appointee to Ireland's AI Advisory Council and she has engaged in regular advisory work for the European Commission and the Irish government. She is a Fellow of the Milan Information Law Center and a visiting professor at the European University Institute. Deirdre previously practised as a lawyer with A&L Goodbody and KPMG and was a principal officer in the Irish Law Reform Commission.



Lucia Bonova

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Lucia Bonova currently heads a unit at the European Commission responsible for the implementation of Digital Markets Act and antitrust enforcement in the area of digital platforms. She holds a law degree from Université Panthéon-Assas in Paris and an LLM in International Business law from McGill University in Montreal. Lucia spent her entire professional career devoted to competition law enforcement, in particular merger control, and antitrust.

Previously, she served in the private office of the Executive Vice-president of the European Commission for Competition and Europe fit for Digital Age, Margrethe Vestager. In addition to her experience at the European Commission, in 2009 Lucia spent three months at the Federal Trade Commission as an exchange official. Lucia was featured amongst 26 women at the forefront of global antitrust in GCR Women in Antitrust 2016 : Enforcers and in 30 in their 30s Notable Women Competition Professionals in Enforcement in 2017.



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Dervla Broderick is counsel in Ropes & Gray's antitrust practice, based in Dublin. Dervla advises clients on all aspects of EU, Irish and UK competition law. Before joining Ropes & Gray, she served as Deputy Director of Competition Enforcement and Mergers at the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) in Ireland and worked in several international law firms in London and Brussels.



Darach Connolly
Legal Director
DLA Piper

Darach Connolly leads DLA Piper’s EU and Irish competition and regulatory practice in Ireland. He has extensive experience advising international and domestic clients at EU and Irish level.

For competition rules, he advises on a wide range of issues including EU and national merger control, EU and Irish market investigations, cartel proceedings, distribution and licensing agreements, abuse of dominance, competition complaints and actions for damages.

For regulatory issues, he has detailed experience covering public procurement and State aid rules as well in-depth sector knowledge in the areas of air transport, telecommunications and audio-visual services.

Darach sits on the Committee of the Irish Society for European Law and is Recommended by Global Competition Review.



Mike Cronin, Ph.D.
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Professor Mike Cronin has been the Academic Director of Boston College Ireland since 2005. He was educated at the University of Kent and Oxford University where he was awarded his D.Phil. He has published widely on various aspects of Irish history, and is a renowned scholar in the area of sport.

He is a regular media commentator on aspects of Irish and sporting history. While at BC, Professor Cronin has developed a series of major public history projects based around Irish topics including the 2008-12 GAA Oral History Project, and since 2013, the major online repository and real time history project for the Irish Decade of Centenaries, Century Ireland.



Helen Dixon
Commissioner
Commission for Communications
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Helen Dixon was appointed to take up the role of Commissioner at ComReg in February 2024. Helen was previously Commissioner for Data Protection in Ireland, having served two five-year terms from September 2014. Responsible for upholding the rights of individuals regarding how data about them is used, the role, among other things, required regulation of a large number of US internet multinationals with European bases in Ireland. Previously Irish Registrar of Companies where she led regulatory enforcement of compliance with the filing provisions of the Companies Acts, Helen has also held senior roles in the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation working on economic migration policy, science, technology and innovation policy. She spent the first ten years of her career in the IT industry.

She holds postgraduate qualifications in European Economic and Public Affairs, Governance, Computer Science, Official Statistics for Policy Evaluation, and Judicial Skills and Decision Making. She has additionally attained a Diploma in Corporate Governance and was delighted to have been awarded an honorary fellowship of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA) in 2014.



Maria Fitzpatrick
Legal Director
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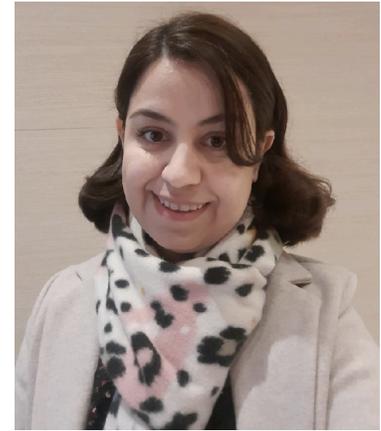
Maria is a Legal Director in DLA Piper's Intellectual Property and Technology Group in Dublin. With over a decade of experience, she has developed expertise in advising on domestic and multi-jurisdictional matters. Her areas of focus include commercial contracts, technology (including digital transformation, AI, and other technological innovations), and strategic outsourcing transactions. Her work also extends to data privacy and governance. She is dual qualified, enabling her to practice in both England and Wales and the Republic of Ireland. Maria's journey with DLA Piper started in the UK, where she trained and qualified, and she has since spent time on secondment in 2017 to DLA Piper's Chicago office, and on secondment to Dublin in 2019 to help set up and establish the IPT practice, before transitioning to the Dublin office in October 2023. Maria frequently leads large-scale commercial contracting projects. These include large-scale outsourcings for both the private and public sectors, supply chain arrangements, and management of business resources, including IT capabilities and IP licensing requirements. Her work spans multiple sectors, with a primary emphasis on Technology, Consumer Goods, Food & Retail, Energy and Natural Resources, Industrials, and Financial Services.



Ronan Flanagan
Senior Legal Director
Competition & Markets Authority

Ronan is Senior Legal Director at the CMA with responsibility for enforcement under the Competition Act 1998 as well as Digital Markets.

Prior to joining the CMA in 2016, Ronan was in private practice in London and Brussels and is a graduate of TCD law school.



Dr. Mina Hosseini
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Dr. Mina Hosseini is a Marie Skłodowska-Curie postdoctoral fellow at UCD Sutherland School of Law. She holds a Ph.D. in Competition Law from SBU Tehran. Before joining UCD, Dr. Hosseini was a lecturer at USC Iran, teaching courses in Contract, Competition, and Health Law. She received the National Student Book of the Year Award in Law in 2019 for her monograph on Comparative Competition Law. Dr. Hosseini's research interests are interdisciplinary and comparative, focusing on Competition Law and Policy, Health Law and Policy, and the legal implications of using Artificial Intelligence in healthcare. She is a member of the Society of Legal Scholars, the University Association for Contemporary European Studies, the Dublin European Institute, the UCD Discovery AI Healthcare Hub, and ASCOLA (the Academic Society for Competition Law).



Stephen Hurley

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Stephen Hurley is a Director & Associate General Counsel at Meta where he leads the EMEA legal team responsible for advising on network infrastructure and communications services. This includes advising on complex multi-national commercial and regulatory issues related to Meta’s global network deployments, as well as the regulation of Meta’s messaging services.

Stephen has worked closely on Meta’s compliance with a number of wide-ranging laws, including the DMA, ePrivacy Directive, and European Electronic Communications Code.

Before joining Meta, Stephen held a number of roles at BT plc, including advising on competition/regulatory law and leading BT’s response to Brexit. Stephen also worked at the Competition Appeal Tribunal in London and in the London and Washington offices of a global law firm.



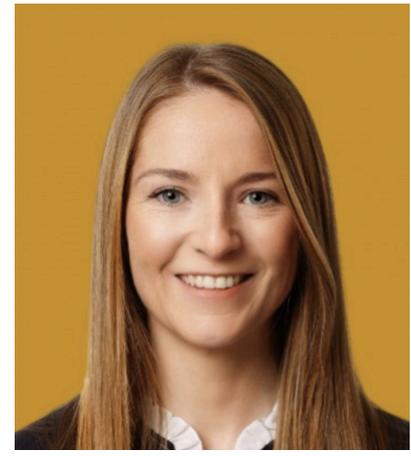
Clare Kelly

*Competition Counsel
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Clare E. Kelly is Competition Counsel at Google, where she works across a range of antitrust and digital regulatory matters. Clare has been closely involved in Google’s DMA compliance work over the past few years, including in representing Google at various workshops organised by the European Commission.

Prior to joining Google, Clare worked at the Brussels and London offices of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP for 5 and a half years.

Clare studied Law and Political Science at Trinity College Dublin, during which time she was elected a Scholar and completed a year-long Erasmus at Sciences Po, Paris. Clare subsequently completed a Masters-in-Law at Harvard Law School and qualified as a Barrister at the Honourable Society of King’s Inns, Ireland.



Tara Kelly

*Partner; Head of Competition and
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Tara is a Partner and Head of the Competition & Antitrust team at Mason Hayes & Curran. She specialises in the areas of merger control, investigations, the Digital Markets Act, and investment screening. Tara is Recognised as Global Elite Thought Leader in the Competition Under 45 Category. She is described as providing “sophisticated and commercial advice at speed, including on nascent areas of law” and “is fantastic to work with.” Tara represents clients in a broad range of industries, including in particular the tech sector, financial services, energy, food & beverage, and pharmaceuticals/healthcare. She routinely advises on complex merger control including Phase II investigations and highly technical matters at the intersection of data privacy and competition law. She also is experienced in competition litigation and regulatory investigations including responding to dawn raids and submitting cartel immunity applications. Prior to joining the firm, Tara practised with a top US law firm in both New York and London.



Daryl Lim

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Daryl Lim is the H. Laddie Montague Jr. Chair in Law at Penn State Dickinson Law. He is also the Associate Dean for Research and Innovation and Founding Director of the Intellectual Property (IP) Law and Innovation Initiative. At the university level, he is a co-hire at the Institute of Computational and Data Sciences and an affiliate at the Center for Socially Responsible Artificial Intelligence.

He is an award-winning author, observer, and commentator on IP and competition policy trends and how they influence and are influenced by law, technology, economics, and politics. He helps stakeholders understand the world around them. He consults internationally on various IP and antitrust issues. He has taught at the National University of Singapore, Fordham University School of Law, and other institutions worldwide.



Rohan Massey

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Rohan Massey is a leader of the firm's data, privacy and cybersecurity practice and the Managing Partner of the London office of Ropes & Gray.

Rohan is a trusted advisor to many of the world's largest corporations and private equity funds, focusing on complex data protection, cybersecurity and intellectual property matters across Europe, the U.S. and Asia. Rohan's legal and commercial insights on data, privacy, and cybersecurity have also earned him recognition from prestigious legal directories including Chambers & Partners and Legal 500. He is frequently sought after by media outlets, including Bloomberg and BBC Radio, for his expertise in these areas.



Brian McHugh

*Chairperson
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Brian McHugh is the chairperson of the CCPC. As well as collegiate decision making with other Members on all aspects of the organisation, he manages the staff and administration of the Commission.

He was appointed as a Member of the CCPC in September 2017 and has overseen the Competition Enforcement & Mergers, Corporate Services and Communications Divisions. Prior to this he spent 15 years in Northern Ireland's Utility Regulator, the body responsible for both regulating the gas, electricity, and water utility industries in Northern Ireland. During his time at the Utility Regulator, Brian was Director of Gas and Director of Finance & Network Assets. Brian holds a BA in Economics from Trinity College, Dublin.



Judy McMorrow

Professor of Law

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Judith A. McMorrow is a professor and served as the Associate Dean of Experiential Learning and Global Engagement at BC Law from the 2018-2019 through 2020-2021 academic years. She teaches torts, professional responsibility, and the law school's semester-in-practice externship program. Her scholarship is primarily in the areas of professional responsibility and legal ethics.

McMorrow is active in pro bono and service activities, including over 20 years on the board of Community Legal Services and Counseling Center, 10 years on the Massachusetts SJC Committee on Judicial Ethics, work with the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility, and earlier work in representing women in Massachusetts seeking commutation based on battered woman syndrome.

After graduating from University of Notre Dame Law School in 1980, McMorrow clerked for the Hon. Gilbert S. Merritt of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and Chief Justice Warren E. Burger of United States Supreme Court. She practiced with the Washington D.C., law firm of Steptoe and Johnson before entering teaching in 1985.



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Dr. Eoin O'Dell is an Associate Professor of Law in Trinity College Dublin. He researches and publishes primarily in the fields of freedom of expression, and private and commercial law – and especially where they overlap in IP, IT and cyberlaw.

He has been Chair of the Fellows in Trinity College Dublin, President of the Irish Association of Law Teachers, a Member of the Council and Executive of the Society of Legal Scholars in the UK and Ireland, and Editor of the Dublin University Law Journal. He was a member of the group which advised the Department of Justice on the Defamation Act, 2009; he was a member of the Advisory Group on a European Civil Code which advised the EU Commission on common principles of European private law; and he was a member of the Statute Law Revision Committee advising the Department of Public Service and Reform on the process of revising the Irish Statute Book.



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David Olson is Associate Professor and immediate past Faculty Director of the Program on Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Boston College Law School. He teaches patent law, IP, and antitrust. His research focuses on IP, antitrust, and incentives for innovation and competition.

He has been recognized for teaching excellence, including the Business & Law Society Faculty Award for Achievement in Business & Law, and the Professor Emil Slizewski Award for Faculty Excellence. Professor Olson’s scholarship has been cited in the Supreme Court and other legal opinions. He has testified before the U.S. House and Senate on drug patents, FDA regulation, and antitrust. He has lectured around the world, including at Zhongyuan Technical University, Zhengzhou, China, and as a visiting professor at Pontifical Catholic University, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Professor Olson has been interviewed and quoted on television, radio, podcast, and other media, including in the Wall Street Journal, Associated Press, and Reuters. His op-eds have appeared in the Chicago Tribune, Washington Times, and The Hill. He clerked for Judge Jerry E. Smith on the Federal Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and practiced as a patent litigator in New York and San Francisco.



Ruchit Patel

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Ruchit Patel is an antitrust partner in the London office of Ropes & Gray, and a member of the firm’s governing policy committee. He advises some of the largest companies in the world on matters before the European Commission, UK Competition and Markets Authority, UK sectoral regulators and UK High Court. He also has litigation experience before the UK Competition Appeal Tribunal.

Ruchit was included in Global Competition Review’s 2020 list of the top young antitrust lawyers in the world: the 40 under 40. Who’s Who Legal characterizes him as a “Future Leader” and comments that “Ruchit Patel is revered as a “skilled, flexible and sharp-minded competition law expert” who is “able to coordinate complex projects.” Ruchit is also recognized in Chambers UK in the area of competition law, and GCR notes he is a “Future Leader.” Clients have commented in Who’s Who Legal that Ruchit is “a very experienced competition lawyer” who “focuses on strategy and results” and “is uniquely dedicated to ensuring his clients’ success” and is “able to coordinate complex projects.” Legal 500 also noted that Ruchit brings “an in-depth knowledge of Indian competition law.”

Ruchit is a visiting lecturer at the Centre for Commercial Law Studies at Queen Mary University of London. He is a member of several committees, including the Competition Section of the English Law Society, the Law360 editorial board, and the editorial board of the IBA.



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Kevin Powers is the Founder and Director of the Master of Science in Cybersecurity Policy and Governance Programs at Boston College, and an Assistant Professor of the Practice at Boston College Law School and in Boston College’s Carroll School of Management’s Business Law and Society Department. Along with his teaching at BC, Kevin is a Cybersecurity Research Affiliate at the MIT Sloan School of Management and a Lecturer for MIT Sloan's Executive Education Program - "Cybersecurity Governance for the Board of Directors." He has taught courses at the U.S. Naval Academy, where he was the Deputy General Counsel to the Superintendent.

With over 25 years of combined cybersecurity, data privacy, business, law enforcement, military, national security, higher education, and teaching experience, he has worked as an analyst and an attorney for the U.S. Dept. of Justice, U.S. Navy, U.S. Dept. of Defense, and law firms in Boston and Washington, D.C., as well as general counsel for an international software company based in Seattle, WA. He is an expert witness and consultant with the Analysis Group and serves as the Chair of the Board of Trustees for Boston College High School, and is a Cybersecurity Advisor for HYCU, Inc. and CyberSaint Security. Previously, he served as a member of the Boston College Law School Business Advisory Council (2018- 2023) and served as the Panel Lead (2016- 2017) for the Collegiate Working Group for the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security's National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE).



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Carlo Salizzo is a Partner in the Technology & Innovation Group at Matheson LLP based in the Dublin office. He regularly advises clients on compliance with Irish and EU laws regulating technology and data, as well as negotiating and structuring commercial technology transactions and dealing with incident response. Carlo has advised some of the world's largest technology companies, as well as dealing with technology aspects of some of the largest corporate transactions in Ireland



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Prior to joining the faculty of BC Law, she was an associate at Mintz Boston, a partner at Casner & Edwards, LLP, and had a pre-law career working for nonprofit and political organizations around New England. Her current research focuses on empathy and emotional intelligence in transactional legal practice, clinical pedagogy, and student formation and professional identity development.



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Calum Warren is a partner in the Competition and Regulation Group at Matheson LLP in Dublin. Prior to joining Matheson, Calum worked at leading international law firms in Brussels and London.

With nearly 15 years' experience to date, Calum is a leading advisor on all aspects of Irish and EU competition and regulatory law including M&A regulatory clearances, competition law compliance, investigations and litigation, sector regulation, public procurement law, state aid law and general EU law.

Calum has particular expertise in advising on competition law and regulatory issues in the digital sector. Most recently, this includes being at the forefront in advising on newer regulatory regimes such as the Digital Markets Act, the Digital Services Act and the swathe of other recent EU digital regulations.

Calum is ranked in the leading legal directories including as a 'Next Generation Partner' by Legal500 and has received strong praise for his technical expertise and commercial and solution-focused approach.



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