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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



Veronica Smith Lewis

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Years in antitrust: 30

Successfully fulfilling my role as the mother of three daughters has been my greatest accomplishment outside of work. Over the years, I have faced countless challenges trying to meet their needs and the requirements of my very demanding profession. I have no illusions that I have always done this well. I’m sure I made mistakes. The point is that I did it, and I kept doing it in spite of mistakes and setbacks.

When the trial date in a major matter was moved to a week after the due date for my oldest child, I convinced the client and the court – over opposing counsels’ opposition – to move it. I then did a six-week trial when she was months old.