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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**



Hollis Salzman

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It was not that long ago when there weren't even 100 women who practised competition law, so to see so many well-deserving accomplished women recognised by a prominent publication is a nice reminder of how far we have come as a profession.

My father was my mentor. Even as a young girl, he always stressed how important it was for me to work hard and establish myself in a career that would enable me to support myself and my family.

When it comes to antitrust litigation, women lawyers are still in the minority. Helping women cultivate their strengths as lawyers and future leaders goes a long way to ensuring parity and makes great business sense. History has proven that leadership from a single perspective culminates in failure, and I think the legal industry is really beginning to understand that.