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MEDIATION: Trends and Opportunities for Resolving IPR and Competition Disputes in Challenging and Changing Times



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ABSTRACT

The talk will explore recent developments in mediation and its growing significance in resolving disputes with an Intellectual Property Right and Competition focus.

This webinar and Q&A take place against a backdrop of COVID-19, restrictions on physical court hearings and advances in technology which means that disputing parties are increasingly turning to online mediation as a cost-effective route to settle their conflict. The following topics will be covered:

- Mediation in the Modern World
- Mediating IPR, Competition and Regulatory Disputes
- Mediation and COVID-19
- Growth in virtual mediation
- Training as a mediator
- Career opportunities

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

PROFESSOR SUZANNE RAB is a barrister at Serle Court Chambers, a leading commercial set in London. She combines her practitioner role with a number of leading academic positions including as Professor of Commercial Law at Brunel University, law lecturer at the University of Oxford, and Visiting Professor at Imperial College London. Suzanne is a mediator accredited by the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution, the International Mediation Institute and the Civil Mediation Council.

Suzanne has wide experience of EU law, regulatory and competition law matters combining cartel regulation, commercial practices, IP exploitation, merger control, public procurement and State aid. She specialises in cases at the crossroads of IPR and Competition. Suzanne's practice has a particular focus on the interface between competition law and economic regulation. She advises governments, regulators and businesses across the regulated sectors including in the communications, energy, financial services, healthcare/ pharmaceuticals, TMT and water sectors.

Suzanne has significant experience of advising on the development, implementation and application of new competition laws and regulatory regimes in line with international best practices, including in emerging markets. She has also held the role of director at PricewaterhouseCoopers working within its strategy, economics and forensics teams.

Suzanne is the author of "Indian Competition Law, an International Perspective" (first published by Wolters Kluwer, May 2012; with a supplement of cartel regulation published in January 2013). The book is the first-of-its-kind international comparative analysis of the Competition Act 2002 published contemporaneously with the coming into force of Indian competition law and merger control.

Suzanne is also co-author of "Media Ownership and Control: Law, Economics and Policy in an Indian and International Context" (Hart Studies in Competition Law, 2014) and "Hong Kong Competition Law" (Hart/Bloomsbury, 2016). Suzanne is a contributor to "Cross-Border Copyright Licensing, Law and Practice" (Elgar Intellectual Property Law and Practice series, 2018).