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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 review 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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Years in antitrust: 17

Big M&A deals require long hours, making it challenging with a young family. I'm fortunate to work at a firm like Blakes, where the structure supports success regardless of gender. I've been able to grow my practice and raise my family in an encouraging environment. The support I received from my colleagues inspired me to excel beyond my expectations.

An 'aha' moment led me to co-author a book. A few years ago, a female colleague and I looked at our accomplishments as women lawyers, and remembered the brave women who came before us who had paved the way for our success. Looking back on the struggles women have faced in the legal profession over many decades and the strides they've made for all women is both humbling and inspiring. I wanted to share this story so I co-authored *Leading the Way: Canadian Women in the Law*, which documents the journey of 50 Canadian women whose tenacity effected change for all women in the legal profession.