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Frank Fine has been practicing EC competition law in Brussels since 1986. After 18 years of private practice in Brussels—mainly with international law firms—Mr. Fine formed EC Competition Law Advocates, which is engaged in the practice of EU competition law before the European Commission and Courts, as well as the provision of adversarial and legislative drafting assistance to national competition authorities.

Mr. Fine, a member of the California and D.C. Bars and of the Law Society of England and Wales, is listed in *European Legal Experts* as a leading practitioner in the field of EU competition law. In 2009, he became a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Over the years, Mr. Fine has advised many multinational companies in complex behavioral and merger cases. He was EU antitrust counsel to NDC Health before the European Commission in the landmark *IMS Health* case, one of the few instances in which the Commission has endorsed the compulsory licensing of intellectual property deemed to constitute an industry standard, a result subsequently affirmed in a preliminary ruling of the European Court of Justice. Examples of Mr. Fine's more recent representations include: defense of an airline accused by the European Commission of participating in an alleged cartel involving the fixing of prices and surcharges; a complaint on behalf an international trade association alleging anti-competitive practices relating to the DVD patent pools; representation of the European Digital Media Association (EDiMA) in the Commission's antitrust investigation into copyright collection societies; and the provision of technical assistance to the South African Competition Commission and to the Egyptian Competition Authority.

Mr. Fine is the author of several seminal books in the field of EC competition law. In 1989, he wrote the first book on EC merger control, *Mergers and Joint Ventures in Europe: The Law and Policy of the EEC* (Graham & Trotman), which examined the Commission's use of [ex] Articles 85 and 86 of the EC Treaty in merger enforcement prior to the adoption of the EC Merger Regulation. The second edition of this work, which was published in 1994 by Kluwer, was one of the first to study in detail the Commission's enforcement experience post-Merger Regulation. In 2006, Mr. Fine published the first book covering the EU Technology Transfer Block Exemption and Guidelines, *The EC Competition Law on Technology Licensing* (Sweet & Maxwell).

Mr. Fine launched the three-volume loose-leaf treatise, *European Competition Laws: A Guide to the EC and Its Member States* (LexisNexis), and he has served as its General Editor since the initial publication in 2002.

Mr. Fine obtained his law degree from Loyola Law School (Los Angeles), where he was Editor-in-Chief of the Loyola International & Comparative Law Journal. He subsequently obtained an LL.M. (with honors) and Ph.D. in EC Competition Law from the University of Cambridge in England. He is currently a Vice Chair of the Cartels and Criminal Practice Committee of the ABA Section of Antitrust Law and is a former Vice Chair of the Section's Intellectual Property Committee and of the International Committee. He currently serves as the EU competition law consultant to SAI Global (formerly Midi Ethics and Compliance Solutions), a leading worldwide provider of antitrust compliance services. Mr. Fine is on the Advisory Boards of the *Northwestern Journal of International Law & Business*, the *Corporate Counsel's International Adviser* and *The Antitrust Counselor*.

