

CMA expands senior legal team

Press release

The CMA has today announced three internal appointments to the Legal Service and Policy and International senior leadership teams.



John McInnes has been appointed as the Senior Legal Director (SLD) for Policy and International (with overall responsibility for leading that Directorate) and will also provide senior legal support to the team responsible for establishing the Digital Markets Unit (DMU) within the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA).

John previously served as a Legal Director, Litigation Director, and Policy Director in the CMA.

Ronan Flanagan will take up the role of SLD for Antitrust having previously filled the roles of Legal Director and Project Director at the CMA.

Jenny Coombes will take up the role of SLD focusing on Mergers and Markets (working alongside existing Mergers and Markets SLD Chris Prevett) as well as supporting the newly established Office for the Internal Market (OIM). She was previously a Legal Director at the CMA.

John, Ronan and Jenny will be joining Chris Prevett and Stephen Blake, the CMA's SLDs with responsibility for Mergers and Markets and Cartels and Consumer Protection respectively.

All the SLDs report directly to the CMA's General Counsel, Sarah Cardell.

This expansion of the senior legal team reflects the CMA's increased responsibilities following the UK's exit from the European Union as well as the establishment of the OIM and DMU.

CMA General Counsel Sarah Cardell said:

"Our increased responsibilities require an expanded team and it is really fantastic to be making three internal appointments at this senior level.

“These appointments reflect not only the deep legal and management expertise that John, Ronan and Jenny are able to bring to the senior team, but also the calibre of the legal skills and experience gained by lawyers across the CMA’s Legal Service.”

The CMA will be launching a Legal and Litigation Director recruitment campaign in Autumn.

Notes to editors

- John McInnes joined the CMA in 2014. He has previously worked extensively in private practice and at Ofcom.
- Ronan Flanagan had extensive private practice experience prior to joining the CMA in 2016.
- Jenny Coombes joined the CMA at the start of 2020 and had extensive private practice and in-house experience (at Google) prior to joining.
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