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EDUCATION

2005, *MSc in Economics*, University College London (UCL), United Kingdom
2001, *MA (Oxon) in Economics and Management*, Jesus College, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2014 - Present, *Vice President*, Compass Lexecon, London
2014 - 2014, *Senior Economist*, Compass Lexecon, London
2013 - 2013, *Assistant Director, Mergers*, Office of Fair Trading
2011 - 2013, *Deputy Director of Economic Policy*, Office of Fair Trading
2010 - 2011, *Senior Economist*, Office of Fair Trading
2006 - 2010, *Economic Adviser*, Office of Fair Trading (including 9 month secondment to the Competition Commission)
2002 - 2006, *Economist*, Centre for Economics and Business Research

INVOLVEMENT IN SELECTED COMPETITION POLICY CASES

Mergers and Acquisitions

As Assistant Director in the Mergers Group at the OFT, Laura was responsible for directing and managing the economic analysis on multiple UK mergers including:

- Ericsson/Red Bee Media (OFT, 2013)
- Coca-Cola/Fresh Trading Limited (OFT, 2013)
- HPI/Carweb (OFT, 2013)
- JCT600/Gilder Group (OFT, 2013)
- Tradebe/Sita (OFT, 2013)
- WRI/Hostelbookers.com (OFT, 2013)
- Daily Mail & General Holdings limited, Yattendon Group plc, Trinity Mirror plc Joint venture (Local World) (OFT, 2013)
- ABN Amro Clearing Bank N.V., OMX A.B., BATS Trading Limited and the Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation of European Multilateral Clearing Facility N.V (OFT, 2013)
- UCL/RFL/Doctors Laboratory (OFT, 2013)
- UCL Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust/Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust (Neurosurgery) (OFT, 2013)

Also acted as lead economist on multiple UK merger cases including:

- Nufarm/AH Marks (Competition Commission, 2008/09)
- Stagecoach/East Midlands Franchise (OFT, 2008)

- CineWorld/Hollywood Green Leisure Park (OFT, 2008)
- Tesco/Kwicksave (OFT, 2007)
- Govia/West Midlands Rail Franchise (OFT, 2007)
- Sky/ITV (OFT, 2007)
- CCG/Veritas (OFT, 2007)
- Svitzerwijmsmuller A/S / Adsteam Marine (OFT, 2006)
- Virgin Active/Holmes Place (OFT, 2006)

Market Investigations

- Pay day lending (OFT, 2013): Managing team of statisticians collating data from pay-day lenders.
- Private Motor Insurance (OFT, 2011/12): Providing economics quality assurance and advice to case team.
- Advertising of prices (OFT, 2009/10): Lead economist – designing and analyzing results of consumer and business surveys. Part of a team developing UK policy on approach to discount pricing practices.

Abuse of Dominance and Anti-Competitive Agreement

- Mobility Scooters (OFT, 2013): Case involving online price restrictions. Providing economics quality assurance and advice to case team.
- Sports Bras (OFT, 2012/13): Case involving Resale Price Maintenance (RPM). Providing economics quality assurance and advice to case team.
- Access Control and Alarm Systems (OFT 2012/13): Case involving collusive tendering. Providing economics quality assurance and advice to case team.
- Mercedes-Benz (OFT, 2012/13): Cartel case. Providing economics quality assurance and advice to case team.
- Bunker Fuels (OFT, 2012): Abuse of dominance case. Providing economics quality assurance and advice to case team.

Regulation and Other

- Stansted Price Control Review (Competition Commission, 2008): Economist – part of a team assessing a range of regulatory options including LRAIC pricing and RAB-based regulation.

