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Joint ventures: a new frontier in antitrust?

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Joint ventures represent an effective way for companies to unify complementary technical and managerial capabilities and overcome barriers to entry and expansion. However, there are new antitrust challenges to structuring these agreements in the global marketplace. The dividing line between pro-competitive and anti-competitive collaboration is sometimes hard to define and the rules to assess where that line falls are changing around the world. In January the European Commission published its revised guidelines on horizontal cooperation agreements amongst competitors and the recent amendments to the Canadian Competition Act introduced new civil provisions governing competitor agreements. In the U.S., the new Horizontal Merger Guidelines may call for a fresh look at the relationship between joint ventures and mergers.

Join an hour long discussion on joint ventures with antitrust experts from the U.S., Europe and Canada to see what's the same, what's different and what to watch out for.

Moderator: Mark Whitener (General Electric Company)

Speakers:

- Ulrich Von-Koppenfels (DG Competition, European Commission)
- William L. Monts III (Hogan Lovells)
- Randal T. Hughes (McCarthy Tétrault)



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