September 29, 2014

REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED BLANKET AUTHORITY

FROM: Howard Feller, Chair, Section of Antitrust Law
Marcelo E. Bombau, Chair, Section of International Law

SUBJECT: Joint Comments to the European Commission regarding the Public Consultation: “Towards More Effective Merger Control”

DEADLINE: Thursday, October 2, 2014, 2:00 p.m. ET

SUBMISSION DATE: Thursday, October 2, 2014, 2:30 p.m. ET

The Sections of Antitrust Law and International Law propose to submit the attached comments to the European Commission regarding its proposals to revise certain aspects of merger control in the European Union. The request is expedited due to the time required to prepare the comments, obtain Council approvals, and meet the Commission’s submission deadline.

This subject matter is within the primary jurisdiction and expertise of the Sections of Antitrust Law and International Law. The Section Councils of Antitrust Law and International Law adopted the position in the enclosed comments on September 29, 2014.

There is no material interest in the subject matter of this request for blanket authority on the part of any member of the Section committee that initiated the proposal or of the Section Councils that approved the submission of the request by reason of specific employment or representation of clients.

cc: Patricia Lee Refo, Chair, ABA House of Delegates
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Attachment
October 2, 2014

VIA EMAIL:

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European Commission  
DG Competition, Unit A2  
B-1049 Brussels BELGIUM

RE: HT. 3053 - Public Consultation: “Towards More Effective Merger Control”

Dear Sir/Madam:

On behalf of the American Bar Association Sections of Antitrust Law and International Law, we are pleased to submit the attached comments to the European Commission regarding its proposals to revise certain aspects of merger control in the European Union.

Please note that these views are being presented only on behalf of the Sections of Antitrust Law and International Law. They have not been approved by the House of Delegates or the Board of Governors of the American Bar Association and should not be construed as representing the policy of the American Bar Association.

If you have any questions after reviewing this report, we would be happy to provide further comments.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Section of Antitrust Law

Marcelo E. Bombau
Chair, Section of International Law

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