

## COMPETITION LAW CELL

(Year of Inception - 2016)

**Introduction:** The ILS Competition Law Cell was formed in the year 2016 by students with an interest in competition law who felt the need to introduce and engage with other students in this emerging and dynamic field of competition law.

**Faculty Coordinators:** Ms. Vindhya Gupta and Ms. Ninawari Ware

**Student Coordinators:** Rashi Jain, Akshat Dahate, Nipun Kumar (all V BA LLB); Awdhesh Pandey (III LLB), Smitha Khandige, Aaryaman Pathare, Sumedh Kamble, Vedant Lathi (all IV BA LLB); Arya Padhye, Hardik Palan (both III BA LLB); Koonjal Hatewar, Mahima Srivastava, Tanvi Srivastava (all II BA LLB).

### **Details of the activities:**

#### **Student Seminar I:**

**Title of Session:** Introduction to Competition Law

**Date:** September 15, 2022

**Mode:** Offline

**Name of the Resource Person:** Rashi Jain, Akshat Dahate, (both V BA LLB) Awdhesh Pandey (III LLB) and Smitha Khandige (IV BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 40

**Report of the Session:** In this session, the speakers introduced the basic concepts of competition law like cartels, anti-competitive agreements and bid rigging. Speakers introduced to the attendees the regulatory authority i.e. Competition Commission of India and its functions and powers. Speakers gave an introduction to ILS Competition Law Cell and its upcoming activities.

#### **Student Seminar II:**

**Title of Session:** Recent Changes Due to the Competition Amendment Bill, 2022

**Date:** December 10, 2022

**Mode:** Online

**Name of the Resource Person:** Aaryaman Pathare (IV BA LLB) and Mahima Srivastava (II BA LLB)

**No. of Participants:** 54

**Report of the Session:** The objective of this session was to impart knowledge to the attendees regarding the Competition Amendment Bill, 2022 and its probable impacts. The speakers dealt with settlement and commitment related provisions to address potential concerns arising from their conduct/practices, at different stages of the inquiry. The Speakers also dealt with the introduction of deal value thresholds for combinations and its probable consequences.

### **COMPETITIONS CONDUCTED:**

**Title of the Competition:** Competition Law Extempore Moot Court Competition

**Date:** April 27, 2023

**Level:** Intra-college

**Details of the Judges:** Mr Amit Tiwari (Legal Advisor at Legalogic) and Mr Akhil Charan (Legal Advisor at Legalogic)

**No. of Participants:** 42

**Winners:** Vansh Thapliyal (II BA LLB)

**Report of the Competition:** The competition was held to assess the participants on their moot court skills and their knowledge of Competition Law. The proposition of the competition was based on the concepts of Cartels, Bid Rigging, Leniency provisions under the competition act and lesser penalties for Covid-hit MSMEs. The Competition was held in two rounds i.e. a preliminary round and the final round. The preliminary round was judged by 5th-year students of ILS Law College with mooting experience and knowledge of competition law, while the final round was judged by two associates of Legalogic, Pune.

**Prize details:** Certificate of Merit and Trophy

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

**Title of the Activity:** Guest Lecture

**Topic:** Vertical Agreements - Resale Price Maintenance

**Date:** October 8, 2022

**Details of Resource Person:** Ms. Afreen Abbassi (Senior Associate, Trilegal)

**No. of participants:** 45

**Report of the activity:** This lecture aimed to discuss the approach followed by the Competition Commission of India (CCI) in its assessment of vertical agreements, in particular Resale Price Maintenance, and the way forward, keeping in mind the evolving competition regime and practices followed in other jurisdictions. Ms Abbassi explained in detail the concept of vertical agreements and their AAEC. Ms Abbassi also indulged in various factors set out in the competition act to determine whether an agreement has AAEC or not. After discussing the basic concepts, she moved on to discuss the jurisprudence of CCI to determine the existence of an agreement, AAEC, market power of the entity and the relevant market.

**Title of the Activity:** Newsletter

**Name of the Newsletter:** ILS Competition Law Review

**Date:** December 18, 2022

**Report of the activity:** The newsletter is one of the initiatives by the cell to increase awareness, provide updates and encourage readers to pique their interest in the recent developments in the Competition Law and Policy field. This newsletter contained various current legal updates on competition law such as CCI fines MMT-GO and OYO for anti-competitive activities; CCI fines MMT-GO and OYO for anti-competitive conduct; CCI probe into Whatsapp privacy policy given green-light; CCI disposes of JSW Paints plea against Asian Paint; ZEE- SONY merger conditionally approved by CCI; CCI clears Bank of Baroda's additional stake buy in IndiaFirst Life Insurance; CCI clears PayU's \$4.7 billion BillDesk acquisition; CCI disposes of gun-jumping proceedings against Global Infrastructure Partners India- PVR and Inox combinations; CCI has approved the amalgamation of Jio Cinema OTT with Viacom 18 Media; Combination order on Acquisition of REMCO by BWIL, and Market Study on the Film Distribution Chain in India.

## **CONFERENCE CONDUCTED**

**Title of the Activity:** Colloquium 7.0 – Industrial Revolution 4.0 : A Digital India

**Date:** April 16, 2023

**Detailed report is given under the Conferences.**

