

Competition Law Economics: Principles and Practice Course

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Why This Course

In today's regulated and highly competitive markets, understanding the economic foundations of competition law is essential for assessing market behavior, regulatory risk, and the impact of business conduct on competition. Antitrust analysis increasingly depends on economic reasoning to evaluate market power, competitive effects, mergers, collusion, and abuse of dominance. For legal and business professionals, the ability to apply economic concepts in competition cases is critical for sound analysis and effective decision-making.

This intensive 5-day course provides a comprehensive introduction to competition law economics, focusing on the economic theories and analytical tools used in antitrust cases. Participants will gain a deep understanding of market dynamics, competitive behavior, and regulatory frameworks, equipping them with the knowledge to navigate complex competition law issues effectively.

What You'll Learn and Practice

By joining this program, you will:

- Understand fundamental economic principles underlying competition law.
- Apply economic analysis to assess market power and competitive effects.
- Evaluate mergers, cartels, and abuse of dominance from an economic perspective.
- Interpret empirical evidence and economic data in antitrust cases.
- Develop strategies for effective competition law compliance and enforcement.

The Program Flow

Day 1: Foundations of Competition Economics

- Introduction to competition law and economics.
- Market structures and competitive dynamics.
- Economic theories of harm.
- Measuring market power and concentration.

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Day 2: Merger Analysis

- Economic framework for merger control.
- Horizontal and vertical merger effects.
- Efficiency considerations in mergers.
- Merger simulation techniques.

Day 3: Cartels and Horizontal Agreements

- Economic analysis of collusion.
- Detecting and deterring cartels.
- Leniency programs and their economic impact.
- Damages estimation in cartel cases.

Day 4: Abuse of Dominance

- Economic tests for dominance and market power.
- Exclusionary and exploitative abuses.
- Predatory pricing and margin squeeze.
- Tying, bundling, and loyalty rebates.

Day 5: Advanced Topics and Case Studies

- Two-sided markets and digital platforms.
- Intellectual property and innovation in competition law.
- State aid and subsidies analysis.
- Practical case studies and mock investigations.

Individual Impact

- Strengthen your ability to conduct economic analysis in competition law matters.
- Enhance your skills in interpreting market data and economic evidence.
- Build stronger understanding of mergers, cartels, and abuse of dominance from an economic perspective.
- Gain greater confidence in advising on competition law compliance and enforcement issues.

Work Impact

- Improve the quality of competition law analysis across legal, regulatory, and business contexts.
- Strengthen the ability to assess market conduct and competitive effects more effectively.
- Support better compliance strategies and more informed responses to antitrust risks.
- Enhance organizational readiness for investigations, merger review, and enforcement challenges.

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Training Methodology

This program integrates economic theory, legal application, and practical analysis to ensure real-world relevance and professional impact. Learning methods include:

- Real-world case studies on competition law and antitrust economics.
- Practical exercises in market analysis, concentration assessment, and evidence interpretation.
- Interactive workshops on merger review, cartel analysis, and dominance issues.
- Group discussions on digital markets, innovation, and advanced competition topics.
- Frameworks and tools for applying economic analysis in competition law practice.

Beyond the Course

Upon completion, participants will be better equipped to understand and apply competition law economics with greater clarity, confidence, and analytical precision. They will return ready to:

- Assess competition law issues using stronger economic reasoning.
- Interpret market evidence and competitive effects more effectively.
- Support compliance and enforcement strategies with greater confidence.
- Navigate complex antitrust matters in traditional and emerging markets.

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A graphic illustration of a chessboard with a checkered pattern. In the foreground, there are three chess pieces: a gold king, a silver pawn, and a gold pawn. The background features concentric circles emanating from behind the pieces, creating a sense of depth and focus.