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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

For the second CPI Antitrust Chronicle for February 2019, we turn to a very “spannendes Thema”...the intersection of data protection and antitrust laws. This is a subject that has been “intensiv diskutiert,” especially after the recent, highly anticipated, news from Germany’s Bundeskartellamt in its Facebook ruling. We have a great group of articles that discuss this recent decision in detail and its possible ramifications. In addition, we have contributions from the U.S. and Brazil.

Some authors argue that “privacy, data protection, and competition law originate from the same creative energy,” and put forward that competition and data protection laws can be harmoniously enforced. Some authors take a more cautious approach. Are new precedents being set? Are we starting to see more or less convergence or divergence in enforcement on both sides of the Atlantic?

We are pleased to open this month’s Chronicle with a CPI Talks interview with Covington & Burling partner and former Commissioner of the FTC, Terrell McSweeney. In addition, this edition of the Chronicle features articles from Giovanni Buttarelli, European Data Protection Supervisor; Maureen Ohlhausen, partner at Baker Botts and former Acting Chairman and Commissioner of the FTC; and Vinicius Marques de Carvalho, former President of the Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense – CADE, among other notable authors.

Lastly, please take the opportunity to visit the CPI website and listen to our selection of Chronicle articles in audio form. This is a convenient way for our readers to keep up with our recent and past articles on the go, in the gym, or at the beach.

As always, thank you to our great panel of authors.

Sincerely,

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