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Competition Law Litigation and Consumer Redress across the EU: Focusing on Recent Developments in Private Enforcement in the UK

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ABSTRACT
The paper will outline the process and outcome of a recent and ongoing research project which has sought to identify and provide details of all 'competition law' cases before the courts of all 27 EU Member States over a period of over ten years, in effect to create a dataset of all competition law-related private litigation across the EU. There has been a distinct shift in EU policy to support and facilitate private enforcement and in assessing developments over a very recent ten year period, the project has sought to consider the legal and institutional context in which private enforcement operates across the various Member States. The project sought to focus on the question of consumer redress, the extent to which this is facilitated or hindered at the national level, the types of consumer representative actions or 'class' actions which are available in different Member States, and the levels of consumer-led litigation and success rates across the different legal systems in the European Union- although the results here were inevitably limited. The final part of my paper will concentrate on a number of recent developments in the UK, in particular on the proposals by the Department of Business Innovation and Skills (BIS) to further facilitate private enforcement in the UK, notably by extending the role of the Competition Appeal Tribunal and allowing for opt-out collective actions.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER
Prof Barry Rodger has been an academic at Strathclyde University Law School since 1993 and has been a Professor there since 2001. Professor Rodger is a member of the organizing committee of the Scottish Competition Law Forum and is the Vice-Chair of the Competition Law Scholars’ Forum (www.clasf.org) and co-editor of the Competition Law Review.

Prof Rodger has published widely in competition law. His co-authored textbook (with A MacCulloch) Competition Law and Policy in the EC and UK (Cavendish) is in its fourth edition and he has published numerous articles in journals such as the European Competition law Review, Columbia Journal of European Law, The Common Market Law Review, the Juridical Review, the Irish Journal of European law and World Competition. Many of his recent publications have focused on private enforcement of competition law including his comprehensive study of all competition-related litigation in the UK courts (ECLR 2006), the Kluwer Law International book Competition Law and Article 234: An Analysis (2008) which focuses on all competition law Article 234 preliminary rulings, and an empirical study of competition law litigation settlements in the UK between 2000-2005 (2008 ECLR). He has also the editor of Ten years of UK Competition Law Reform (DUP, 2010) and contributed the Competition law section to the 6th edn of Wyatt and Dashwood’s EU Law, (Hart, 2011). His edited collection, Landmark Cases in Competition Law: Around the World in 14 Stories (Kluwer) was published in December 2012 and he is currently finalising an AHRC funded project on Comparative Competition Law Private Enforcement and Collective Redress in the EU (see www.clcpecreu.co.uk).

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