



Is your firm doing all it can to comply with competition law?



The Maximum Penalties

Management: **5 years in prison**
Firm: **Fine equal to 10% of turnover**

“Three UK businessmen were today sentenced to imprisonment for between two and a half to three years for cartel offences”
Office of Fair Trading, 11 June 2008

Know the Rules or Pay the Price

Firms and Competition Law Enforcement

12 March 2009
16:30-19:30

The Noverre Suite, Assembly House, Norwich

Email ccp@uea.ac.uk by 6 March to reserve your place

“Minicab operators are being warned that individuals may face criminal liability for price-fixing”
Office of Fair Trading, 14 Nov 2008

“Transport operator Cardiff Bus engaged in predatory conduct intended to eliminate a competitor”
Office of Fair Trading, 18 Nov 2008

“The OFT refers merger of two Stilton suppliers to the Competition Commission”
Competition Commission, 8 October 2008

The Speakers:

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Dr Andreas Stephan is a lecturer in competition law and a faculty member of CCP. Much of Andreas's work focuses on cartel enforcement. He recently designed a public survey gauging British attitudes to price fixing and cartel enforcement.

16:30	Welcome and introduction Questionnaire – what does the audience think about competition issues?
16:40	Ignorance can be costly – examples from the real world of mergers and anticompetitive practices
17:00	Focus on things that may harm others: mergers and cartel agreements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does UK law say? • How is enforcement structured?
17:30	Things that may harm you: abuses by dominant firms and private litigation
18:00	Questionnaire results and general discussion
18:30	Drinks



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