

Business Law

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Session 2 – 11:00am - 12:00pm

Competition and consumer law update

Keeping up to date with competition law developments is crucial for Australian businesses. Jacqueline Downes, Head of the Competition and Consumer Regulatory Group at Allens, will look at the current state of play in key areas of ACCC enforcement such as mergers, greenwashing, and employee restraints, as well as key recent decisions in the areas of cartel conduct, advertising and misleading and deceptive conduct, and retail price maintenance. Jacqueline is listed as a leading competition and antitrust expert in Chambers Global, Chambers Asia Pacific (Band 1), Legal 500 Asia Pacific (Leading Individual), and Best Lawyers, Global Competition Review.

Meet the speaker

Jacqueline Downes, Partner and Practice Group Leader, Allens

Jacqueline is the head of the national Competition, Consumer & Regulatory group at Allens and has more than 20 years' experience in competition and consumer law. Jacqueline advises companies in a range of industries on competition and consumer law matters, including cartels, access, misuse of market power, exclusive dealing, joint ventures, distribution arrangements, resale price maintenance, misleading and deceptive conduct, statutory guarantees, unconscionability, advertising clearances, and compliance. Jacqueline has particular expertise in mergers and is well known for achieving clearance of high profile and complex mergers, domestic and international. She also has extensive experience in competition and consumer law investigations and enforcement action. Jacqueline currently sits on Allens' Executive Committee and is a member of Chief Executive Women. She is a former Chair of the Competition and Consumer Law Committee of the Law Council of Australia. She has assisted in preparing submissions, meeting with government and attending parliamentary inquiries on matters of competition policy.