



FAIR TRADING COMMISSION

Ensuring a competitive marketplace

FTC Competition Law and Policy Courses

To enhance competition culture in the Caribbean, Fair Trading Competition is now offering courses in Competition Law and Policy in the Caribbean.

Who Should Attend?

- Policymakers
- Regulators
- Competition Law Practitioners
- Business persons
- Judges
- Economists
- Attorneys
- Academia

Courses:

- An Introductory Course in Competition Law and Policy
- An Intermediate Course in Competition Law and Policy
- An Advanced Course in Competition Law and Policy

An Introductory Course in Competition Law and Policy

Course Objectives:

To introduce participants to the objectives of Competition Law and Policy as well as to increase their awareness as to the benefits of competition to suppliers, consumers and the economy.

Who Should Attend?

- Policymakers
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Duration:

3 hours

Date Offered:

Monthly

Course Content:

- What is competition law and policy?
- Objectives and benefits of competition law and policy
- Overview of the main business practices covered under competition law: collusive agreements; mergers and acquisition; restrictive agreements; and abuse of dominance
- Administration and enforcement of competition law
- Interaction between competition authorities and regulatory authorities

Instructors:

Dr. Delroy Beckford, Senior Legal Counsel, Fair Trading Commission

Kevin Harriott, Competition Bureau Chief, Fair Trading Commission

An Intermediate Course in Competition Law and Policy

Course Objectives:

To enhance participants' understanding of the necessary assessment involved in the determination of the competitive effect of business practices.

Who Should Attend?

- Policymakers
- Regulators
- Competition Law Practitioners
- Business persons
- Judges
- Economists
- Attorneys
- Academia

Duration:

16 hours (2 days)

Dates Offered:

January, April, July, October

Course Content:

- Objectives and benefits of Competition Law and Policy
- Description of the main business practices covered under competition law: collusive agreements among rivals; mergers and acquisition; restrictive agreements; and abuse of dominance
- The main provisions of the competition legislation in the Caribbean
- Introduction to the Economics of Competition Law
- Evaluation of collusive agreements, mergers and acquisitions, restrictive agreements and abuse of dominance
- Market Power Assessment
- Market Definition
- Overview of the administration and enforcement of competition law

Instructors:

Dr. Delroy Beckford, Senior Legal Counsel, Fair Trading Commission

Kevin Harriott, Competition Bureau Chief, Fair Trading Commission

An Advanced Course in Competition Law and Policy

Course Objectives:

To enhance participants' skills in undertaking assessments involved in the determination of the competitive effect of business practices.

Who Should Attend?

- Competition Law Practitioners
- Judges
- Economists
- Attorneys
- Academia

Duration:

40 hours (5 days)

Date Offered:

Annually in August

Course Content:

- Objectives and benefits of Competition Law and Policy
- The Economics of Competition Law
- Market Power Assessment
- Market Definition
- Assessment of mergers and acquisitions
- Unilateral conduct
- Coordinated conduct

Instructors:

Dr. Delroy Beckford, Senior Legal Counsel, Fair Trading Commission

Kevin Harriott, Competition Bureau Chief, Fair Trading Commission

About the Instructors

Dr. Delroy Beckford - Senior Legal Counsel

Dr. Delroy Beckford is an Attorney-at-Law with practice interests in trade remedies, customs, and international economic law. A Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Beckford is also a Research Fellow at the Division of Global Affairs, Centre for Law and Justice, Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey, and Co-Founder of the Global Trade Law and Development Centre. He was appointed Senior Legal Counsel in June 2007. Dr. Beckford is a Member of the Jamaican Bar Association and a Member of the American Society of International Law, where he is a Contributing Editor to its publication, *International Legal Materials*.

A past student of Jamaica College, he completed a Bachelor's degree in History and Political Science at the University of the West Indies in 1992, and in 1994 he completed a Bachelor of Laws degree, also at the University of the West Indies. In 2000, he completed his Master's degree in international commercial law at the Columbia University School of Law in New York, and in 2007 a Ph.D. in Global Affairs (specializing in International Economic Law) at the Division of Global Affairs, Centre for Law and Justice, Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey, U.S.A.

Prior to joining the Fair Trading Commission, Dr. Beckford worked as Legal Counsel to the Jamaica Customs Department, Litigation Associate at Dunn Cox, Group Legal Counsel to Caricom Investments Limited, Senior Legal Counsel to the Anti-dumping and Subsidies Commission, and has lectured at the University of the West Indies in public international law and the law of international economic development. His research interests include international business transactions law and the law relating to the World Trade Organization. His dissertation entitled "The Appellate Body's Interpretation of Trade Remedy Agreements: Exploring the Relationship between Judicial Activism and Power Asymmetries", examines the extent to which Appellate Body decisions that may be characterized as activist are attributable to power configurations within trade remedy disputes. Dr. Beckford is the author of the book **Power and Judicial Activism in the WTO: The Appellate Body's Interpretation of Trade Remedy Agreements**.

Kevin Harriott - Competition Bureau Chief

Kevin Harriott was appointed to the post of Competition Bureau Chief in July 2005. As head of the Competition Bureau, he participates in the planning, direction and management of the Fair Trading Commission and his responsibilities includes providing the Government and the public with economic analyses of market processes as they relate to antitrust, consumer protection and regulation.

In 1996, Kevin completed a Bachelor's degree as a Statistics major at the Mona campus of the University of the West Indies (UWI) where he delivered the valedictory address. After completing a Master's degree in Economics in 1998 at UWI, he worked in the Research and Economic Programming Division of the Bank of Jamaica for two years before pursuing further graduate studies in the United States of America. He graduated from Texas A&M University in August 2005 with a doctoral degree in Economics. His research interests include information economics and product differentiation, having specialized in the field of Industrial Organization. His dissertation

entitled "Advertising and Consumer Search in Differentiated Markets," is a theoretical demonstration of the extent to which consumers' ignorance about a product's characteristics may be exploited by firms to acquire market power through the legitimate use of advertisements.

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